

Editorial view of this issue



Two events have coincided with publishing this issue; the first is launching the website of the journal (www.iraqinmj.com), while the second is expansion of the editorial board to include new colleagues who have started to share, with us, the responsibilities and duties. These two events are important steps towards achieving our next aim; that is the indexation of the **Iraqi New Medical Journal** in the international cites of indexation.

This editorial work represents one side of the objectives of the journal, the other one is the contribution in the national efforts to raise the standards of conducting medical research and writing medical research to be published in medical journals though many lectures, training courses and workshops held in many Iraqi Health directorates. In between them, the **Iraqi New Medical Journal** is participating in efforts necessary to reform publication of medical journals in Iraq. The workshop “*Medical journals in Iraq, current status and future perspective*”, which has been implemented by our editorial board within the activities of the forth international conference of the Al-Kindi College of Medicine held in Baghdad on 30th March 2017, is the first step in this field.

Dear readers,

In this issue you will find many articles targeting many important health subjects. *Sabah Sadik et al* wrote about mental health legislation in Iraq with stresses on forensic psychiatry. Amid the chaos of using antibiotics in Iraq, *Hayder Shabana and his colleagues* write about surgical antimicrobial prophylaxis an experience from Ireland. We hope this article is going to stimulate every one of us to think of a more restrains on using antibiotics in our daily practice. In accordance with our editorial policy of publishing articles concerning with health policies and health finance, Radhi Jawad Al Bayati writes about healthcare resources in Iraq: challenges and proposed solutions.

When you are treating a patient with a common complaint such as low back pain is it worthy to prescribe expensive drugs or interventions? Have you asked yourself about the evidence supporting this medication or that one? In continuous medical education of this issue, questions and answers about management of low back pain will help you in this regards based on the recommendations of the American College of Physicians.



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