

Global Vision with Compassionate Approach

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It gives me immense pleasure to write the editorial of the 6th volume of Asian Journal of Oral Health & Allied Sciences (AJOHAS). When this journal was started in the year 2011, our late Chairman Col T S Mathur envisioned it as not just an institutional journal but a world class journal with highest credibility where only genuine scientific research is published. Since then, the entire team of the editorial board has been working tirelessly to bring that dream to reality. An important aspect of contemporary research trends worldwide is a shift from macro to the micro level. With eventually each disease or condition being linked to its genetic basis, concerted effort in this direction needs to be made while planning our research projects. If we want a scientific study to be validated and to be at par with global standards, the designing of research projects should come out of the conventional methods of comparison and evaluation. To achieve this goal, emphasis needs to be laid on collaboration with various institutions or research laboratories in India and abroad.

Another important aspect of research is that the work done should have the potential to be published in a journal of good repute. The joy of seeing one's years of toil in planning, execution and analysis, finally in



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print is unmatched. To have a publication of global standing, it is important not to fall prey to the vast ocean of online journals promising publication in a day's time. Our research is the fruit of immense labor and many years of hard work which should be shared with indexed journals having a good impact factor. Young researchers need to understand that they sit on a goldmine of information which, if analyzed effectively using various tools of statistics, increase its value for publishing and can be immensely useful to patients in particular and the society in general.

At the same time caution must be exercised to remain away from the fatal attraction of 'cut and paste'. With many world class institutions like the PGIMER, Chandigarh not sparing their own senior faculty on charges of faking of data and plagiarism, it is extremely imperative that we remain alert on these accounts.

Keeping all this in view as clinicians, it is also important to stress that in this era of computers and advanced scientific technology where we are better equipped to diagnose the health problems of our patients with newer and probably more exacting techniques, we have become so heavily dependent on technology that our clinical acumen is being adversely affected. To maximize the benefit to our patients, we must remember that as we adopt newer advances in the field of medicine, the old and time tested clinical methods must not be forgotten. **"Human touch is what is lacking in today's mechanical world"**.

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