

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from the Editor's Desk...!!

This message is a special message to all of you as I complete my tenure as the editor-in-chief of this prestigious journal after serving it with all my heart and soul and positive support from all of you for the past 10 years. This has been an amazing opportunity to serve our journal for a decade.

It just seems like yesterday, when I took over from the founder editor Dr Narendra Malhotra and how these years have flown by. It has been an incredible experience not only for me but for all of us at SAFOG. Our journal has been the center of all our academic pursuits. We have grown from strength to strength with the blessings and support from all our seniors, our past presidents, and our members. My special thanks to Dr Narendra Malhotra for establishing and nurturing this journal before handing over to me, it is no mean feat, my special thanks to Prof Alokendu Chatterjee, Prof Rashid Latif Khan, Dr Rubina Sohail, Dr Farrukh Zaman, and Dr Ferdousi Begum for their unconditional support in the growth of the journal. It was not an easy task for me, but the saying suits well, "The most important thing is, whatever you decide to choose, take it seriously and do your best"—*Tom Sturridge*.



Over the years, we have evolved from 2 issues to 4 issues and now currently we are taking out 6 issues per year. We have the privilege of using various methods like iThenticate, WAME and ICMJE guidelines to ensure the quality of our journal. Our website is quite popular globally and gets millions of clicks every year.

I am happy to inform all that we are recognized by Embase and Scopus and our journal has been added to SDG collection on Science Open and we are very soon going to apply for DOAJ and PubMed.

Last few years have been totally unprecedented especially because of COVID and its impact on all of us. This did not deter us from moving forward. We started with just 49 papers published in 2009 to 61 papers in 2014 when I took over. Today we are publishing approximately 180 papers and articles in 2023. This has been a great journey, not only in the increase in the number of published papers but also on the quality of publications coming from our region. I am happy to state that publications are coming from not only our region but from all over the world also.

I also want to thank Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers and the team including Geetika Sareen, Akash and Gaurav for their unconditional support to the journal from the day one, it has not been an easy task. Today the time has come for me to move forward and hand over the reign of the journal to Dr Ruchika Garg, who is not new to the journal but has been serving as the Joint Editor with me for quite some time and has worked very hard in the progress of the journal. I am absolutely convinced that she is an able successor to take this journal forward in its journey. I am sure that she will also receive all the blessings and support from each one of you, as Narendra and I received. It is critical for the growth of any organization or person.

I would like to thank each and every one of you, from the bottom of my heart for this amazing opportunity and will continue to serve SAFOG now as Vice President (Education) and in any other capacity whenever, wherever possible.

I am absolutely certain that our organization will grow by leaps and bounds under the able guidance of our incoming president Dr Shyam V Desai as it has evolved with the support of Dr Rohana Haththotuwa and our past presidents.

Thank you one and all for your commitment and dedications towards our organization.

Long live SAFOG!

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