

Editorial

We are in the core business of publishing work of fellow obstetricians from South Asia and far and wide. We have covered four journeys eventide years successfully by not only publishing the submitted, intended but as well peer-reviewed, scientific, knowledge oriented research articles. We do feel encouraged to work despite finance being not available, difficult (in terms of time), prolonged blinded peer-review, and sometimes for articles being poorly written structurally as well in language and content. We will continue doing so. One feels privileged to see and read the contributed work of professors, consultants, practitioners, students, pure researchers from all regions of South-Asia.

Our specialty has received so much scrutiny in the past decade or so that its very existence is being seriously questioned under the PNDT act, feticide-related crimes, causing the second rape at medical examination of rape victims, not acting enough for women violence and recent registration of IVF clinics, registration under the Clinical Establishment Act of March 2012. Sometimes the scenario appears scary, yet, regardless of being misunderstood we carry on doing the good practices in recourse to restrained situations, saving mothers and new born babies. Media has been recently replete with anecdotal procedural delays, corrupt practices in cases of rape cases. The guest editorial on Rape–Examination, has justifiably highlighted the social aspects and correct procedures with medicolegal aspects. The other articles, such as the review article on PCO—a management dilemma, original study on uric acid being a prognostic marker of pregnancy-induced hypertension makes interesting readings.

Three of the contemporary studies looks at hidden or not so overt manifestation and incidence of sexual dysfunction in Indian women, misoprostol as labor inducing agent, which route to choose and why?, vibroacoustic stimulation test as a tool of outcome for neonates. Other inputs on clinical practices make interesting readings. Case reports for individual patients always alerts the clinician for lookout reminders for the conditions but have less practical value academically. Nursing section, deals with, assessed value of information on cervical cancer and perceived barriers for prevention, on vaccination, even in the knowledgeable community of medicos.

The conference reports, FIGO meetings, News and Events amply bring a peek into the happenings of these events.

A book review on, Practical Manual for Laparoscopic and Hysteroscopic Gynecological Surgery, reviewed by our youngest editorial member, Dr Niharika Malhotra Bora, is an adjuvant.

The give out CD with this issue is a very useful additive for our members. The contents of CD are uploaded on the website and available for subscribers.

We invite you to submit letters to the editor, short commentaries, and original research articles on any topic within the fields of obstetrics, gynecology, and women's health, including fertility, contraception, surgical skills, and clinical practices with day to day problems. We encourage you to reply to articles published in SAFOG Journal with a Letter to the Editor/Feedback form or—even better—your own original ideas with your own data as well. Do visit our website at www.jsafog.in.

SAFOG conference after a hiatus of 4 years, with best of academics, is taking place at Agra on 28th Feb 2013 to 3rd March. Readers are encouraged to make it convenient to attend for this academic extravaganza.

Enjoy readings!

Regards

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