

INDIAN JOURNAL OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

A NEW JOURNAL IN INDIA

I have pleasure to welcome all to the inaugural issue of our new journal publication "Indian Journal of Emergency Medicine (IJEM)" launched on the auspicious day of 26th of Jan 2015 (Republic Day of India).

Over the last decade, Emergency Medicine has developed in India in a very fast pace with several well equipped Emergency Departments of international standards. With DNB and several other academic programs in Emergency Medicine, that has started in India, and lot of academic research has been done in India on Emergency Medicine already. However, most of these high class research works of India either get published in a western journal, mostly in non EM ones, or land in the recycle bin to be deleted on a later date.

As editor, the first task was to determine why, exactly, we needed a new journal in Emergency Medicine. The following is surprisingly the current data on journals worldwide that answers to the above. Of the 4000 plus journals listed in *Index Medicus*, there are only 27 journal are in Emergency Medicine. Of these, more than 30% deals with specific subspecialty areas like Disaster Medicine, Prehospital Care and Paediatric Emergency Medicine. There are no EM journals from India in the above list. Of the non indexed journals in Emergency Medicine, India have only two true EM journals. Thus, we felt that the EM physicians of our vast country with wide scope and diversity should have publications in an Indian Journal to show the world the good work that we are doing.

So, we decided that IJEM should be a truly Indian journal in Emergency Medicine to develop high quality academic Emergency Medicine in India. Just as the country and its people, the journal would be filled with diversity, politeness and humour, yet highly scientific — a journal that publishes Emergency Medicine issues from the Indian standpoint.

Though the contribution of India to the world literature in Emergency Medicine is very high, yet a lot of work is not recognised because of lack of facility to publish. Our emergency medicine scholars deserve more recognition than they receive. So, it's time now to have the option of publishing in India and to share the Indian EM experience with the world beyond. That is why; we need an Indian journal of Emergency Medicine.

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