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## EDITORIAL

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These are exciting times. In my previous editorial, I had written that 2019 would be a landmark year when all medical colleges of India will begin implementing the Competency Based Medical Education curriculum. The landmark change has happened, the undergraduate medical curriculum has become Competency Based and Small Group Teaching seems to be the buzzword in medical education circles these days!!

The 2019 batch has started their MBBS journey with a 1 month Foundation Course which has given them an insight into Communication Skills, Professionalism and Ethics, Time and Stress management and Medical Jurisprudence, important topics which received far lesser attention under the traditional medical education system. ACMS successfully conducted the Foundation Course from 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and we received great reviews from the students and faculty alike. This was possible due to the untiring efforts of all the first phase departments, the Medical Education Unit, the Curriculum Committee and Sub-Committee, the Foundation Course Committee and Foundation Course Working Group.

The departments of Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and Community Medicine have already begun implementing the aligned and integrated curriculum. It is now time for the second, third and fourth phase subjects to gear up for the challenge and I am sure they will come out with flying colours.

The current issue of JOMA reiterates our commitment to excellence in scientific publishing with articles from myriad topics ranging from the 'Preventive Protocol of Deep Vein Thrombosis in Burns Patients' to 'Domestic Accidents in the Suburbs of Metropolitan Cities'. In keeping with our focus on the new curriculum, the editorial of this issue throws light on the awareness and perception of the new curriculum among our faculty members. I am indebted to all our authors and reviewers for their continued support to our young journal.

It gives me immense pleasure to announce that JOMA is now indexed in 4 indices namely, Cosmos, Scientific Indexing Services, Eurasian Scientific Journal Index and I2OR. I congratulate the editorial board for their hard work in bringing out this issue and I wish them the best for the forthcoming issues of JOMA!!

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