

Guest Editorial

We read the inaugural issue of the Nepalese Journal of Radiology with great interest and would like to congratulate Prof. Rauniyar and his enthusiastic team of young radiologists for their stupendous effort to create a platform for dissemination of knowledge and provide a forum for exchange of views. This will go a long way in promoting education pertinent to radiological sciences in Nepal and provide an opportunity for propagating research and the practice of evidence based medicine in Nepal. We are sure that this launch by Prof. Rauniyar will be a game changer in uplifting the quality of radiological practice in Nepal and will stimulate the young radiologists to develop an academic bend of mind.

The past two decades have witnessed an unprecedented change in diagnostic and interventional radiology from a pure technological perspective. This change has introduced completely new modalities and applications in clinical radiology. Today, we are more focused on molecular imaging, cell biology and functional imaging. Interactive digital real time imaging to better understand the anatomy, physiology and the temporal relationship between the two is now a reality. This has made possible a new class of innovative and image-guided interventional therapies.

As new information about disease processes, including a better understanding of their natural history, imaging aspects or the image-guided methods to treat them becomes available, it needs to be communicated to the vast pool of professionals cutting across the clinical specialties who might be able to use this information for improving the health care delivery in the community. The release of this journal in Nepal provides an opportunity to address this issue. We are sure that it will help disseminate information on regionally relevant disease states and their imaging diagnosis. It will surely be a boon to those engaged in the practice of clinical medicine as a whole in this part of world in terms of knowledge dissemination, improved patient care and clinical & experimental research. Further, it will also help provide a platform for providing information on the medical equipments and technologies.

The journal has been aptly divided into sections containing original articles, case reports, review articles and opinions. The first edition of this journal has pertinent clinical reports on various regionally relevant disease states from many national and international medical institutes. This bodes well for the future of this journal. A strong editorial board and an exhaustive list of internationally acclaimed advisory members should ensure an unmatched academic quality. The practicing radiologists will get an opportunity to share their experience related to their work in diagnostic and interventional radiology with peers and colleagues. The letter-to-the-editor column should help in sharing experience of other experts on the published research and will help improve the overall quality of radiology practice in Nepal by

critical appraisals. Prof. Rauniyar and his editorial board may want to consider expanding the scope of this journal to include articles pertinent to radiation physicists and radiological technologists at a later date.

Each of us is a reflection not only of our own knowledge and experience but also the influence, work and thought processes of others. Hence, this initiative from Prof. Rauniyar and his colleagues will bring new and welcome change in the development of radiology in Nepal. It will surely provide for an increase in mutual sharing of knowledge, learning opportunities to the radiology residents, practicing radiologists and other clinicians and contribute in its own way in fulfilling the ultimate goal of better patient care and an overall improvement in the health of the community. We wish Prof. Ruaniyar and his colleagues the very best for the success of this endeavor and assure them of continued support.

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