

IN THIS SPECIAL ISSUE

This issue is a special issue of the Journal based on the proceedings of a Health Management conference held earlier this year in India. Please read the editorial and the preface to discover how this eventuated. Most articles, 15 in total come from the proceedings of that conference but there are also a significant number of additional articles from our colleagues from India. Our thanks to Professor Prema Basargekar and his colleagues from K. J. Somaiya Institute of Management (K J SIM), Mumbai, India for working to make this issue significant

There are some 30 articles in total in the issue. This is a record issue for APJHM.

For that reason, I make a special mention and thanks to Yaping Liu the Journal Production Manager and to her counterpart at the Somaiya Institute of Management, Kritika Jain for coordination from India. Can I say thanks to both for a great example of an Indo-Pacific collaboration! We are working on an end of year issue for all our other authors who are waiting patiently for their articles to progress. All I can say is that we are a very small production team with a huge number of articles to progress.

Given the number of contributions we have for this issue we have done our best to order them in appearance. Our first contribution is from Rachh who presents a research article on future opportunities and challenges in the digital healthcare sector. Jha is the next author who provides us with a viewpoint article suggesting an integrated framework of leadership for health care organisations to navigate the Covid pandemic.

We next thank Basargeka, Priyadarshini, Seth and Ganjoo for a research article that examines the impact of socio-economic factors in reducing malnutrition among children through a comparative study of India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. Dhyankumar, Arun and Rajmohan next provide a comparative study of graft survival prediction using machine learning using artificial neural networks Bayesian

belief network approaches. Our next contribution is from Tajane, Jossy, Gupta and Jadhav, a research article describing the characteristics of falls among the elderly during the covid-19 pandemic lockdown. Ravadka and Goradia next present a research article that examines the satisfaction of older adults about online group exercise programs during Covid 19 and asks the question are they satisfied with the program? The response is positive.

Mathew and Wesarat next provide a review article that examines ethical standard setting within cultural values for healthcare professionals in India. An important issue of the moral and ethical challenge presented within many nation states in this pandemic period.

Singh and Chaddah provide a research article on a study on the application of blockchain technology to control counterfeit drugs, enhance data privacy and improve online pharmacy distribution. Kataria, Dag, Kaur, Singh and Gupta provide a research article that describes the use of a Tam model that examines the use of e-health in rural areas of Uttarakhand and examines ways for effective implementation and adoption for rural patients. RamPrakash and Arun provide a research article that examines gender inequity in utilisation of publicly funded health insurance schemes to determine if there is a difference in utilisation of state sponsored health insurance between men and women. Chauhan and Mendonica provide an analysis of management practice on the role of regulatory authorities on the working of contract research organisations and pharmaceutical clinical trials in India.

Next, we present articles that have some focus on mental health and covid. Tajane, Golwala, Nangia and Chavan provide a research article that describes the physical and mental health of children during Covid-19 lockdowns from the parents' perspective. Puntambekar, Desai, Kanade and Pednekar continue with the mental health focus in a research article that addresses the dual impact of comorbidities and symptoms of Coronavirus on mental

health among males and females in an online cross sectional study during the pandemic. Phadnis, Sengupta and Chakraborty continue the mental health theme in a research article assessing mental health working from home in a pilot study of a selected information technology organisations in India. Our final article in this Special issue section of the Journal is provided by Sharma and Pednekar examine tobacco as a risk factor for the future spread of Covid – 19, based on adolescent tobacco use estimates from global youth tobacco survey, India.

We would like to thank all our authors and reviewers and their respective organisations in the special and general issue.

This issue and the editorial were compiled at a time when the national political leaders of India and Australia were

meeting in the USA to develop further collaborations between our two countries. Health and education are obvious choices for collaboration. I have included the contact details of the two APJHM parent organisations to allow our authors, reviewers and readers to take the opportunity to be in touch with each other.

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