In This Issue

This is the third and final issue for 2018. We continue in transition from publishing three issues a year to the concept of publish as ready. This has resulted in delays to processing and publishing, so we extend our apologies to both authors and readers. We currently have some twenty articles in review and delays are also occurring in this area in finding willing and receptive reviewers. We would appreciate authors suggesting reviewers as they submit articles.

On behalf of Yaping Liu we extend seasons greetings to you all and look forward to a first in 2019 in our new livery!

In this issue the editorial alerts you to our interest in articles that might address lessons learned from over twenty-five years of health reform. Most of us have experienced that reform what have been the lessons learned for you? The editorial also provides insights to proposed reform and transformation of PHC services in Hong Kong. This Report is a valuable reference point for us all irrespective of the health system in which you work.

Our first article is a review article by Karalis and Barbery that suggests that implementing high reliability organisation principles can enhance safety and quality in healthcare. They undertook a systematic review that suggests that this is a slow and challenging process to implement but does suggest positive results.

Pain and colleagues provide us with a research article that evaluates the state-wide implementation of an allied health workforce redesign system utilising the Calderdale Framework. The context is Queensland and they define and discuss key factors in the implementation redesign.

James and colleagues provide a research article to assist in guiding local quality improvement in a children’s intensive care unit in Victoria, Australia. They undertook a significant retrospective study over an extended period. They emphasise that the risk of adverse events in a Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) is high and that the monitoring of these events as part of quality improvement enables targeted interventions to improve patient safety.

Isouard and Martins provide a research article that examines the characteristics of health service managers and the changes in those characteristics over a decade from 2006 to 2016. The findings traverse the trends across groups of health managers over time suggest areas for further research and provide opportunities to those interested to use the data in other research over time.

Screenu from India provides us with a research article that examines health care infrastructure development in rural India. It provides insights to the reader into how services are organised and structured in rural India and the challenges they face in improving both access, workforce and quality of those services.

Finally, Yaping provides our much appreciated library bulletin to assist you in selecting your further readings.

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