This first issue of the journal for 2022 brings a comprehensive range of contributions from a number of authors.

Reflection is a critically important process and opportunity that contributes to the development of strategy. Creating future opportunity stems from reflection on the past and engagement with issues of the current time. Research provides granular understanding for this.

The World Economic Forum’s (International Organisation for Public–Private Corporation) recent global risks report [1] examines risk tensions relevant to health, aged and social care. Climate, social cohesion, livelihoods and infectious diseases present as some current and emerging serious issues. The current pandemic in itself, highlights these problems, as well as for mental health, migration and social security issues.

Papers presented in this issue work to contribute to this continuum of learning, reflection and future strategy. Researchers and authors here are offering new knowledge and perspectives. From this range of work that we publish, some examples of these knowledge contributions may be identified.

The engagement and development opportunities for health professionals is an ongoing responsibility. Balasubramanian and Flood report on the importance of engaging clinicians in an inclusive research culture where research and innovation structures enable opportunity. Martins et al. present and discuss skills and competencies for health managers, particularly at the opportunity of postgraduate education.

Access and understanding by patient and client stakeholders are assessed and presented. Liu et al. present findings and opportunities in relation to service access for people with disabilities. Andriani et al. have studied access and opportunities for those needing and requiring antenatal care. Clements et al. provide research results regarding patient perceptions and their engagement in relation to the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in diagnostic imaging.

Evaluation approaches and methods are examined through the practical examination of temperature monitoring of refrigerated pharmaceutical products by Zamani and Wembridge.

A series of papers presented by researchers and authors in relation to the COVID-19 disease and pandemic across several countries and communities highlights critical learning about population awareness, understanding and sense making; care and support delivery in response preparations; prehospital emergency care; tele-medicine and the potential for re-purposing of drugs.

Recognition and Thanks – Dr. David Briggs AM

In February Dr. David Briggs completed his long and distinguished association with our journal as Editor-in-Chief. David provided strong knowledge, experience and leadership from health care academia, delivery and system management.

A critical part of a profession is having a body of knowledge from which members may operate. The College enables this knowledge through its commitment to this journal that provides for expansion, development, debate and translation to practice of healthcare management knowledge. David Briggs has been a critical part of this
process and has worked to expand contributions and the impact of the journal both nationally and internationally.

In starting my time in this role with the journal, I look forward to contributions from researchers and practitioners as well as ideas and suggestions towards the sustained growth and development of this publication. I am particularly grateful to Mrs Yaping Liu who undertakes both roles as Managing Editor for the journal and ACHSM Librarian. Yaping has great skills on journal operations and direction and is an enormous support to the journal, College members and the health management profession.

Dr. Mark Avery
Editor-in-Chief

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