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INSIDE THE COVER

Part of the challenge for the Editor and the Production Manager is to select a suitable cover for each issue. We try to reflect in some way the contents and themes arising from the issue. Covid-19, has already featured in the previous issue but the central issue that is before us at the time of publishing this issue is the challenge of vaccinating populations across the world and in our case across the Asia Pacific.

This is the major challenge for all countries and health systems. Hence our cover conveys a simple message of 'The best vaccine you can have is the one you can have now' superimposed with an infographic with copyright recognized to WHO that reinforces that simple message.

In a world overwhelmed with messages and at times conflicting advice it is important that we as health professionals can deliver clear, simple and re-assuring messages to ensure the vaccination stage of addressing Covid-19 is successful.

In adopting this cover, we also recognize the expertise and assistance provided on this occasion by the Hunter New England Central Coast Primary Health Network (PHN), <https://thephn.com.au/>. This network is typical of organisations created by the Australian Department of Health, the Minister for Health, and the national government to support and develop primary healthcare services across Australia. PHNs have been central, along with other health organisations at State and Federal level in supporting the Australian response to the pandemic and the current vaccination of at-risk groups and communities in general.

PUBLISHING IN THE JOURNAL

We would like to advise you that publishing in this Journal is becoming immensely popular and we thank our authors for their support. This creates a difficulty for us in responding to authors in a timely fashion because in publishing three issues a year and possibly a fourth as a special issue we are likely to publish 50 articles in a year. We currently have more than that number of articles under review at any one time. We are also a small part time editorial and production staff and, like the experience of many journals, locating and utilizing reviewers for each article is also always a challenge.

The good news is that we have some 14 articles in this issue for our readers. In addition, we have agreed to a **Special Issue** to be published in September that records the presentations of the proceedings of the 1st International Healthcare Management Conference 2021 conducted under the auspices of the K J Somaiya Institute of Management, a constituent Institute of Somaiya, Vidyavihar. This University is in Mumbai, India, is self-financed autonomous and recognized by that countries University Grants Commission.

The APJHM is pleased to work collaboratively with all our colleagues from the Asia Pacific and to better facilitate affiliation of likeminded organisations to the Journals parent organisations, the Australasian College of Health Services Management (ACHSM) and the Society for Health Administration Programs in Education (SHAPE).

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In this issue we commence with a commentary from the Federal President of ACHSM Dr Neale Fong that goes to contemporary issues around leadership and management in the context of the College and then goes on to address the concepts of credentialing and certification and their importance in the profession of health management. Our first article authored by Olley is consistent with the theme of the above commentary and is a narrative review of power and influence theories of leadership. This literature review was part of a mixed method study related to leadership in the aged care sector. This article goes to the concepts of authentic and ethical leadership and contains a description and timeline of the development of these theories. George and Webster follow the focus on leadership with a focus on allied health through a literature review focused on New Zealand.

Victor and Farooq in an India context present research on the use of balanced scoreboard systems and they propose a dashboard visualization for healthcare performance management based on finance, customer perspectives, internal processes and learning and growth. Yao from the Philippines provide research that addresses predictors of counterproductive workplace behaviours of nurses in a tertiary hospital setting in a large metropolitan city. The study was of a descriptive correlational design and the authors conclude that healthcare managers should formulate programs and strategies to improve employee performance and to cope with and reduce counterproductive behaviours. Kiani, Shahsavani and Sarabaad from Iran continue the nursing theme with a qualitative study to improve nurse's performance in drug delivery and the authors conclude that the use of nursing experience and knowledge can play an important role in improving nurses performance and patient safety.

Riaz, Ahmad, Islam and Ali from Bangladesh provide a research article about empowering women using community clinics to improve maternal healthcare and reduce maternal mortality. The study concludes that the utilisation and participation of women in the management of community centres made women imperative to the centre function and empowered them in healthcare development. Sindu Joseph from Kerala, India undertakes research to develop a sustainable model of quality geriatric healthcare delivery, with a focus on service quality.

Simon, Ovais and Kadeer from India provide a research article on the psychological, spiritual, and emotional response to the Covid_19 pandemic experience. These authors conclude that the pandemic experience of people acts as a stressor and affects the spiritual and psychological wellbeing of all. Das and Pal from India also provide a similar article around the impact of Covid_19 pandemic on the general population by demographic profile and the impact of anxiety. Rahman, Hossain, Mozibullah and Afrose from Bangladesh who have provided a review article that asks the question can non-pharmaceutical interventions contain the spread of Covid 19 in the Asia pacific countries? Chauhan and Maheshwari from India present an article that provides an assessment of potential of Ayurveda during COVID-19 pandemic: An integrative approach for wellness.

Singh, Bala and Janor from India and Malaysia provide an interesting research article on the elasticity of health expenditure on agricultural productivity growth in southeast Asia, this article analyzes world development indicators to suggest that prevailing health expenditure exerts a strong positive effect on agricultural productivity growth.

Aminian, Kruger and Tennant provide a research article on the association between admissions to a tertiary children's hospital and future unplanned dental presentations. The authors suggest that community nurses and social workers can play a role in informing patients about dental care in the primary care sector. Islam and Brennan provide a review article on national oral health policy reform in Australia.

Lari, Komeili, Hajinabi and Riahi from Iran present research findings around the design of a model of medical equipment purchase management in a group of hospitals in Tehran. They propose a model that can best guide buyer institutions to move towards more efficient purchase methods. Alanazy, Fraser and Wark provide our final article, a research article based on the provision of emergency medical services in rural and urban Saudi Arabia from an overview of personnel experience of EMS personnel. They identify overarching organizational factors and gender and training considerations.