

At this time of social, economic and political turmoil in the country Pakistan Journal of Radiology is also undergoing a major change in its life. After being a nomad for the past twenty plus years, moving from city to city, province to province it has finally decided to settle down. Karachi is its new chosen home. Not only does it have a new home, this is accompanied by a new website and has a new editorial team at the helm. It is early days and this is the first issue from Karachi. You will notice many new features which have been introduced to broaden the scope of the journal and make it more relevant to the issues facing Radiology in Pakistan today. Notably there are now dedicated sections for radiology trainees and technologists. These sections should help these under represented sections of the radiology community to have a voice and to highlight issues from their perspective. Other new additions are sections on management and digital technology. I feel that these are the need of the hour. Without good management structures and without embracing new technology not only “in the front of the house” but also in the “back of the house” we cannot hope to continue to play a role in the ever changing arena of healthcare.

Hopefully we will go on to new heights from here but for us to achieve this we will need help from all of you. It will be your contributions that will help the journal achieve its rightful place. The editorial team can only do so much. It is dependent on the submissions from all of you and if we do not take the ownership of journal nobody else will. Pakistan in general is very far behind the community of nations in the discovery of new knowledge. Even when compared to the research output in the medical fields in Pakistan, Radiology lags far behind. Most of the research in radiology is being done by non radiologist clinicians. We are very protective of our professional turfs and fight hard to retain them. We should show the same dedication when it comes to the academic turf. I have always believed that radiologists can only hold their own if they are at least as if not more knowledgeable about the disease states under discussion than their clinical colleagues. This is also true for research.

We as professionals have to take the next step in our evolution. We have achieved a level of professional competency comparable to other countries (at least in the region) and have to strive to be comparable to them in research. We have to remember whoever discovers the knowledge controls it and also derives the benefits inherent in its discovery.

I look forward to your support .

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