

Editorial

In the current issue of the journal, there are a variety of articles, albeit small in number, that should appear to the varying interests of the journal readership.

We have a viewpoint on the adoption of a design-based research approach to improve understanding of complex educational problems by Saurabh Shrivastava *et al.* from India. There is one review considering the urgent need for diagnostic criteria and further understanding of the burnout syndrome by King *et al.* from (UAE).

Three original articles are included, one on the clinical characteristics of IgG4-related disease in the United Arab Emirates: a retrospective single-center study by Rajaie *et al.* from Abu Dhabi. An in-depth quality assurance exercise presenting an assessment of the pharmacy practice in Libya was measured against the contemporary international standards by Ali and Benkora from Tripoli. The implications of their findings are highlighted in a commentary by Elhuwegi. Lastly, the pattern of cancer mortality in a resource-restricted country was presented by Chinedu Ndukwe *et al.* from Nigeria. Samir Kahwash, reflects on the journey “from diagnosticians to ‘Triageologists’: The transformation of modern physicians through the lens of a pathologist!.” Ghellai *et al.* from Tripoli elaborate in the practice point section on the art

of breaking bad news. A case report highlights steroid-induced acute psychosis in an 8-year-old child with inflammatory bowel disease. Finally, the proceedings of the Ninth DaR International Alliance Conference are highlighted.

Sadly, as this issue is going to production, the Libyan medical community has lost Professor Othman Kadiki, a physician, teacher, and researcher who contributed immensely to the establishment of clinical education and the diabetes care in the Middle East and North Africa.

The editorial board is still concerned about the small trickle of original submissions and clinical material from our region. However, we remain committed to ethics and quality.

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