



We are pleased to present the July 1, 2022, Volume 9 (2) issue of Global Health Online journal.

First two articles in this issue would be of great interest to students currently pursuing PharmD. In the first article, Sai Marrapu describes her path to become a registered pharmacist in US within three years of completing her PharmD from India. Three main attributes contributed to her success – planning, determination, and perseverance.

This is followed by Carmen Witsken, an University of Findlay graduate, who shares the recipe for getting her dream fellowship. Starting first professional year - she begins by exploring pharmacist opportunities outside of community and hospital pharmacy, joining professional organizations and expanding network; and more importantly discovering what excites and inspires her most!

Pooja Swaminathan from India, who during her third year of pharmacy [B.Pharm] contacted me to do Masters in US. After our discussions, she agreed to get one or two year of real life-experience before pursuing higher education. Few months with a pharmaceutical company made her realize that her true passion was for marketing research and not basic pharmaceutical sciences! In this article, she provides some interesting insights into “Indian iron market”. I am sure you will find new information that you were not aware of before reading this article.

Dr. Nagavi, following his return to India from UAE, founded HESDAR center in Mysuru, has now started Swasthya pharmacy and healthcare clinic. I had the opportunity to visit the clinic earlier this month that is described in this article and I certainly hope it will elevate and equip community pharmacists in India to provide better patient care.

This is followed by a brief article on disparities in life expectancy across America that every healthcare professional should be aware of and the impact of recent Supreme Court rulings in US may widen that gap.

Final article in this issue is by Chacko et al - an observational study on incidence and severity of depression in geriatric patients in old age homes and care centers in Bangalore. They utilized the geriatric depression scale to measure depression – found majority of residents to be severely depressed and have identified various factors contributing to their depression. Healthcare professionals using those same tools, may be able to identify specific factor contributing to a particular resident’s depression and then help in its alleviation.

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Sincerely,
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