



We are pleased to present to you the July 1, 2020, volume 7 (2), of Global Health Online journal. Subscribers to this journal have risen from less than 300 in 2015 to over 3200 in 2020, a ten-fold increase.

We start this issue with an inspiring story of Professor Emeritus Sharon Milligan from the University of Findlay, who participated as a Peace Corps volunteer during her seventh decade of life, in South Africa, demonstrating her commitment to lifelong learning and motivating us to do the same.

This is followed by an article from Ms. Burdick on the impact of oral contraceptives on two different societies – American and Chinese, over the last six decades.

In a year - where the term ‘virus’ conjures up images of Covid – 19, that has brought the whole world to its knee, Ms. Santhosh talks about a strain of common cold virus that can be used to treat bladder cancer without any side effects. This should demonstrate to all readers the importance of science and understanding the mechanism of action of all biological and natural processes.

Next is a retrospective study on how “guideline based” treatment leads to better patient outcome in a hospital in Southern India, by Mr Khan, followed by an article that compares observational method versus chart reading to detect medication errors by Mr Gassar.

Next article continues with medication errors, but this time with IV administration, and how development and implementation of an IV administration protocol - makes a tremendous difference in occurrence of IV errors in that facility.

While presence of such protocols is a common practice in developed countries, in developing countries like India - where pharmacist with clinical expertise are joining the job market, utilization of their expertise and training appropriately will be key to advancing patient outcomes.

After reading this article, I certainly hope that intern pharmacists working at other hospitals will be able to implement similar protocols in their respective settings.

In the final article in this issue, Pharm D intern from National College of Pharmacy, Joise, presents her research on a cross sectional study on diabetes related distress and its impact on self-care behaviors. Pharmacist, being the most accessible health care professional can contribute to better patient outcome and thereby play a role in improving both patient’s and nation’s healthcare outcomes.

Sincerely,
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