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I am pleased to present to you the February 1, 2021, issue of Global Health Online journal.

We start this issue with an article by Binkley and George, where Dr. George interviews Donna Brinkley on her three decades of missionary work at Pierre Payen, Haiti. For many students in health professions who are looking to find meaning in their education - this is an inspiring article.

Covid has impacted all aspects of our life – including healthcare and education. While American Physical Therapy Association has long advocated for using telehealth services to provide rehabilitation services, Schlessman and George provide tips and ideas on how to reach pediatric patients with those services – a population that presents additional challenges, during this Covid Pandemic.

Inspired by her studies on comparing healthcare delivery in US versus a developing country for an elective course offered at the University of Findlay - Ms. Ayoola, wrote a thought-provoking article titled – "The most unprotected person in America: the African American Woman, maternal and infant mortality".

Buchfellner, reflecting on the content covered in his gastrointestinal module found that even though Lafutidine is a histamine antagonist, (like ranitidine, cimetidine and others) it has demonstrated additional benefits in clinical studies that is worth further investigation.

Next two articles from India directly relates to patient care. Kothakulanghara and Thazhal, report their observation on prescribing patterns and medication adherence in tonsilitis and in the following article – Das and Ramamurthy, share their "Clinical Pearls" regarding implementation of standardization of documentation dealing with drug charts, test dose and verbal orders.

I certainly hope that in future issues other students implementing these and other changes would share improved outcomes resulting from such implementations.

I am pleased to report that total subscribers of this journal have increased from 250 (in 2016) to over 7,500 in (2020)!

Hope each one of you finds something of value in this issue, and certainly will consider contributing and sharing your own expertise in any aspect of global health to future issues.

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