



We are pleased to present the July 1, 2021, Volume 8 (2) issue of Global Health Online journal.

We start this issue with an article by Berryman where she talks about the “fight against blindness” carried out in India. Forefront in this mission are organizations such as Shankar Nethralaya and Aravind Eye Care, whose visionary leadership and innovative healthcare delivery effort are critical in making this vision possible.

This is followed by Hendershot’s article on challenges faced by women both in US and India in meeting their basic healthcare needs. Interestingly, starting point for this article was Hendershot’s desire to find an answer to the question – how many sanitary pads she need to pack on her advanced pharmacy practice rotation trip to India in December, 2022?

We all know how technological advances are slowly creeping in all aspects of healthcare and the impact, Covid pandemic has had in accelerating that transition. Akinmolayan, in his article talks about the impact of technology in pharmacy practice.

Above three articles had one thing in common – authors curiosity and student’s willingness to take a deeper dive to learn about this topic and translate their thoughts to paper – so others could benefit with that information.

Next three articles are the result of PharmD research from India that students carry out in their final year. These publications originated

from studies carried out in Bangalore Baptist Hospital by the students of Karnataka College of Pharmacy.

In the first article Vinushree et al., analyzed the prescriptions of dual antiplatelet therapy and found that only 31% followed the currently approved guidelines and 69% of the prescriptions fell outside the guidelines. Followed by Gayatri Suresh et al., analyzing the prescription patterns for SGLT2 inhibitors for the management of diabetes reports that greater number of prescriptions – 69% followed the guidelines and 22% were prescribed outside the guidelines.

Final article in this issue by Thampi et al., documents positive impact provided by pharmacist involvement in patient’s outcome. Out of 133 recommendations made by the pharmacist, 120 were accepted by the physician. This clearly demonstrate recognition by physician of pharmacist’s role as a member of healthcare team at least in that organization!

I certainly hope that all healthcare professionals and especially pharmacy students [to be successful in their profession] realize that they are valuable member of healthcare team capable of making important contribution to patient outcome – even though everyone else, and the current reimbursement models fails to recognize their contribution at present.

Sincerely,
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