



I am pleased to present the February 1, 2022, issue of Global Health Online journal.

We start this issue with two articles on Covid that had impacted every aspect of our lives for the past two years. First by Akkineni deals with the role of religion in vaccine hesitancy. While vaccine administration is a well-accepted medical intervention for several diseases, unfortunately, covid vaccination has become embroiled in undue politization – “vaccine hesitancy” and anti-vaccers have already had an impact on all of us.

Second article by Mujeeb and Ashraf, compares how two states in India – Kerala and Karnataka had handled covid surges within their borders. On many occasions infections and death rates reported by Kerala was higher than many other states, despite having a highly educated population with its well-oiled public health delivery system and is the result of its honest record keeping. Many other states in India and countries around the world, manipulated the numbers for political expediency – following the strategy that not testing for Covid will make “Covid disapper”.

Third article in this issue by Kumar presents a fellow’s perspective on the first Critical Care fellowship in pharmacy that is being offered in India. This is followed by an article by Nguyen on her reflection following attendance at a co-curricular opportunity provided at the University of Findlay.

I am personally a firm believer that a good college education should provide lot of opportunities for students to learn outside the

classroom and students should enthusiastically partake in those offerings. In my experience, many students do not avail of these wonderful opportunities and sadly had to be bribed with bonus points!

Fifth article in this issue is titled “Glimmer of Hope in Haiti”. Here George interviews a student physical therapist – Stanley Lambert, who sincerely believes that physical therapy would be beneficial to his fellow citizens of Haiti and how he dedicates his life to the implementation of this vision.

Final article clearly demonstrates the “double edge” nature of drugs and how pharmacists could play an important role in improving patient outcome. Sindhura and co-workers share their results from the observational studies on the extent and types of drugs responsible for causing hypoglycemia in their hospital. Hopefully, the knowledge gained from this study would help improve treatment offered to future patients.

I am glad that Mujeeb and George, contributing authors for this issue had contributed previously and am thankful for others who have made publication of this issue possible.

For students who wish to pursue graduate education and have never published an article, submission, and publication in GHOL is a wonderful learning opportunity without incurring any cost. 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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