



We are pleased to present the July 1, 2023, Volume 10 (2) issue of Global Health Online journal.

First two articles in this issue deal with the current status of healthcare in US. While many of our politicians and a majority of the US population believes that we have the best healthcare system in the world and have nothing to learn on this subject from other countries – the article from Bruns demonstrating our continued decrease in life expectancy during the past decade should help us question our belief in the superiority of our healthcare system.

While there are many factors contributing to our below par performance in healthcare outcomes, Mozes in her article provides one such reason that certainly contributes to our problem. Our healthcare and reimbursement system leads to underutilization of pharmacist expertise!

Remaining three articles addresses the challenges and opportunity presented in healthcare delivery in the largest democracy in the world – India. Where, even 8 years after the passage of the 2015 pharmacy practice regulations by the Government - no change has occurred. While progress has been made in paper, neither the pharmacy professional organizations or government regulators have shown any interest in implementing the same.

Next two articles provide a ray of hope for the pharmacy profession in India. In the article that I collaborated with Gottipati, we tell the

story of Suits Health Center in the village of Namburu, India. Suits Health Center is operated by Naveen Valluru, a recent PharmD graduate from Vignan Pharmacy College. This will be the first of its kind, and Valluru by setting up this collaborative practice with Physicians in Guntur hospital [a large town] via telemedicine should have a significant positive impact on the health of the villagers.

Final article for this issue is by Rakam - where he describes how Avenida has set up a Clinical Pharmacy Services at the Chandramma Dayananda Sagar Institute of Medical Education and Research (CDSIMER) tertiary care hospital to provide pharmaceutical care services and enhance patient outcomes.

As I have been awarded Fulbright – Nehru award for 2023 for my project titled – “Improving Patient Care by Empowering Community Pharmacist in India” I hope to share result of my findings in next year’s issues.

I certainly hope that each of the 12,590 subscribers to this journal find something of value in this issue.

Sincerely,
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