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PREFACE

Relaunching the New Emirates Medical Journal

Medical journals are essential to disseminate research findings and evidence to improve both patient care and health systems. The Emirates Medical Journal (EMJ) established in 1978 under the Ministry of Health. In 1981, the ministry handed the responsibility of Emirates Medical Association (EMJ) to the Association’s official publication. EMA provided the real and served scientific interest and research in exchange for medical and scientific information. The EMJ was a print-based journal and used to publish three issues a year and due to technical obstacles, the journal was led to hold publications in 2008.

The EMJ begins a new chapter in its publication history by relaunching the New Emirates Medical Journal (NEMJ), a peer-reviewed open-access medical journal with a web-based manuscript submission system, completely online publication. The primary objective of NEMJ is to improve health care through advancing medical and scientific knowledge, promoting research, and encouraging the exchange of scientific information in the UAE at the international level. To meet the global standards, the EMA has chosen to partner with a reliable and innovative publisher. NEMJ’s new publisher, Bentham Science, serves as such a partner. Its strong local, regional, and global reach and recognized brand will provide ready access to NEMJ to a broad audience.

The NEMJ is marked with some obvious changes: periodical publications throughout the year as online, fast-track peer review process, completely open access, with no article processing charges and all the accepted articles are available free of charge as soon as they are published. Moreover, there is a subtle change in the article's appearance and provision of a ‘Fast Track’ review for high-impact work. The collaborative support from the respective medical societies under the EMA will accentuate the critical aspects of research in the country and also reaching a broad audience through harnessing the breadth of the web and social media. Notably, the NEMJ publishes a wide range of articles and an executive platform “Student Forum” is provided for aspiring medical students and post-graduate students to encourage submissions by students. However, one of the core elements of the NEMJ is dedicated to strict adherence to the International Committee for Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) guidelines. With dedication and constructive peer-review, our authors may rapidly publish their important research and provide the best possible care delivered by well-informed health professionals, anywhere in the world.

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