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Message from the President of Emirates Medical Association

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DEAR EMA MEMBERS,

Let me take this opportunity to send you and your family my warmest wishes for Happy New Year 2021.

The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic has challenged every one of us - we will remember this unprecedented time due to this pandemic and its associated disruptions. Nevertheless, day after day, case after case, we have also felt triumph, achievement, and camaraderie, both in managing our life and in the care of our patients (regrettably, sometimes our colleagues) afflicted with COVID-19.

I am indeed humbled by the great privilege of leading the EMA and having this opportunity to present my message through our New Emirates Medical Journal (NEMJ). Thank you for being a part of the Emirates Medical Association (EMA) community and for your faith in caring for our UAE population. Like you, I believe scientific exchange transforms lives and strengthens communities. The peaceful, equitable world we envision together is possible, and sharing knowledge is critical to achieving that vision.

NEMJ is an official journal of EMA and is an Open Access online journal. In 2020, NEMJ welcomed a bumper of 200 new submissions, which equate to a new submission every 1.82 days. The NEMJ published its first COVID-related paper in February, and several submissions were published in 2020. NEMJ has published more than 20 Papers in Volume 2, Issue 1, and various novel articles on the most pressing COVID-19, such as Tele-oncology use during the pandemic, multiplex COVID-19 testing, Trends in COVID-19 mortality, and also

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the burden of diseases in the UAE. There are several interesting cases and review papers. While NEMJ aims to promote the exchange of medical and scientific knowledge of health problems within the UAE and encourage research and study of disease patterns in the region, we welcome original articles on diverse medical topics.

Special issues are an important component and cater to extend the journal's scope by incorporating new and emerging trends in that discipline. They also disseminate valuable research information efficiently across clinical specialties. NEMJ invites proposals for special issues across various specialties and Guest Editor to review and invite potential authors to contribute high-quality research works. EMA members are encouraged to take advantage of the special issue to publish their conference proceedings and publish clinically focused research works.

EMA is also excited and pleased to announce a new partnership with Editage, a leading global scholarly communication, to provide comprehensive support to research work and help authors be more successful on their way to publication in NEMJ. This partnership is enhanced with a range of services, including Premier English language editing, preparing animated abstracts, research training and webinars, and professional video creation services to impact their research. Thus, authors will consider utilizing these paid services to accurately convey every nuance of their scholarly research to the global audience.

Finally, my sincere thanks to each EMA member for your support of NEMJ, and I encourage you to continue your engagement with EMA *via* our newsletters, conferences, webinars, and our New Emirates Medical Journal.

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