

Editorial

Continuity during Changing Times

Over a decade ago, the Journal of Contemporary Dental Practice (JCDP) was started by a group of dedicated professionals and with significant help from Proctor & Gamble, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, in disseminating peer reviewed articles in dentistry oriented toward dental practice. These articles included original research, case studies, reviews and new information from all facets of dentistry that would be relevant to practicing dentists, dental hygienists, assistants and dental technicians. Scholastic efforts and professional service provided by the journal's management team, reviewers and by authors expanded this fledgling journal to far corners of the world, truly making it a respectable journal indexed in PubMed [freely accessible database of The National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) and the US National Library of Medicine (NLM)].

Recently JCDP faced difficult times of a "significant past to a sublimating future". With the help and guidance of the stewards of the past and energetic new successors, JCDP was hoisted out of troubled waters. With the editorial leadership from well-qualified professionals and the remarkable organizational capabilities of Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers, JCDP will continue to be published online and be indexed as an important source of translational information into dental practice. Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers will continue the traditions with a well-oiled knowledge transfer platform for rapid publication.

In keeping with the 21st Century and after obtaining feedback from the users of JCDP, we will maintain the journal as an online and an open access journal. We as the budding editors, reviewers and servants of translational science in dentistry will continue with the unyielding traditions of our predecessors in sailing forward. Not only will we promise to maintain quality, latitude and depth of dental science, we will expand the scope to meet with newer demands based on science, patient needs and periodic professional feedback. We hope you will come back and help in recognizing your journal by utilizing the content and providing us feedback for constant improvement. We have maintained the scope, mission and goals in keeping with current needs with very little changes from that of the past.

We call on scientists, oral health researchers, educators and students of all levels to get involved in the current and future activities of JCDP in making it a successful journal. We will continue to publish in all aspects of dentistry and related sciences and provide our readership with information in improving dental care as well as an opportunity to obtain recognized continuing dental education.

In conclusion, our mission is to provide peer-reviewed professional information and establish a meaningful forum for professionals involved in oral health care in contributing to quality dental literature applicable to the practicing dental team, researcher, faculty and students. The guiding principle of the journal is to lead dental professionals to newer thinking in line with the twenty-first century, with content that is sound in principle and science. In executing these principles we endeavor to build a community of sharing among dental researchers, teachers, students and practitioners to improve dental health around the globe.

Our goal is to forge a contemporary journal designed to offer the reader mechanisms that stimulate a self-determined level of inquiry, facilitate convenient access to related literature and provide innovative presentation alternatives and direct communication with contributing scientists and other authors.

I sincerely thank the stewards of the past for establishing JCDP, paving a path for their successors in continuing the traditions of the journal. I thank the readership for their support and feedback that has and will help us steer JCDP into a bright and welcoming future. For those involved in the day-to-day review, operations and publishing, I thank in advance for your Sisyphean efforts although not bound by a curse.



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