

## Editorial

Greetings from the Chettinad Health City Medical Journal team

In this issue of our journal we have articles spanning epigenetics and Assisted Reproductive Technology, public health issues, pediatric orthopedics and gastroenterology.

The opinion article throws light on the possible adverse effects of newer assisted reproductive techniques at the embryo level. The author ponders as to what extent technology can be used to overcome the natural limitations and earnestly urges the healthcare fraternity to apply reproductive techniques responsibly and with highest regard to future generations.

Noise is the insidious of all industrial pollutants involving every industry causing hearing loss. According to OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) Malaysia (2015) Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) is a top ranked occupational disease. The selection of theme of campaign for 2020 by WHO is "Hearing for life. Don't let hearing loss limit you" which rightly conveys the key message that timely and effective interventions can keep preventable causes of hearing loss in check. The review article has compiled various studies carried out in India pertaining to hearing loss between the years 1999-2019 and has concluded that there is a major lack of epidemiological data on prevalence, risk factors, prevention and cost of NIHL in India. It in turn reiterates the need for a national program for the same.

The second review article is a case report of an rare clinical entity in the pediatric population -

stenosing tenovaginitis, which due to its unclear nature of occurrence and not many literature evidence available to support mode of treatment, remains an enigma. The author and his team have made an informed decision to proceed with surgical management and have achieved successful results.

Another case report is of an uncommon occurrence of a sigmoid polyp in a pediatric patient which caused recurrent intussusception and was diagnosed by colonoscopy, which the author emphasizes is of utmost importance in a paediatric patient presenting with acute abdominal pain.

As a fitting conclusion to this issue we have Dr Kalyanaraman, a renowned neurosurgeon, recipient of numerous prestigious awards and accolades, pioneer of stereotactic innovations sharing his life learnings with us and it is our privilege to showcase his interview in our journal.

We hope you find the articles in this issue to be informative and engaging.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions and thank you for the continued support.

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