

Saudi Medical Journal

25 years of excellence

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His HRH Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz's insightful vision in 1979 led to the birth of a scientific journal of international quality, the Saudi Medical Journal. The objectives he outlined were to establish a basin for publication of original scientific work and to encourage future research not only in the Kingdom but also for the whole Region. Since its inauguration the journal has evolved as one of the leading scientific educational journals worldwide, recognized by the National Library of Medicine and indexed in MEDLINE and PubMed. The leadership of this Journal from the start has been the cornerstone of its success and continuous development. This achievement is accredited to more than 5 previous editors with many editorial staff members. In addition to more than 100 advisory and editorial board members and thousands of reviewers and authors whose commitment and dedication are beyond gratification.

After 25 years of excellence, the Journal has an international faculty, not only from the Kingdom but also from all countries in our Region and beyond including Jordan, Lebanon, Iran, Pakistan, Qatar, Syria, Turkey, Europe and North America. This year is an extremely special year for the journal, and it will celebrate this in "academic style" with an important event that will also include symposia, course and workshop. We will invite a renowned national and international faculty and it will be attended by existing and previous staff, editors, researchers, clinicians and scientists from different countries in our region

and abroad. This will be a unique event covering not only medical journalism, but promoting original research from planning to publication.

The journal has not restrained its role in research publication but has surpassed this through the collection of research data published in every medical journal in the Kingdom from 1979 to 1999 on a special CD *Saudi Medbase*. This has been widely utilized by researchers and research centers in the Kingdom and abroad. The other major role of the journal is the training and education not only of scientists but the society at large and to set a foundation for a college in medical journalism. In this respect, we have recently organized courses, workshops and symposia highlighted by the First Regional Conference on Medical Journals in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, which resulted in establishing an Association of Medical Editors in the Eastern Mediterranean (EMAME). We have also issued an

Arabic supplement that was well received by the public as well as the Arab medical faculty and sets a tone for the planning of *Arabization* of medicine in medical schools.

To continue our commitment to excellence, a Quality Control Department was established to handle all grievances arising between the journal, the authors, the reviewers and the publisher and to critically appraise our work.

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