

Moving Forward

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Editor-in-Chief

This issue of the Malaysian Family Physician marks a change in the Chief Editorship. Professor Dr Ng Chirk Jenn has led the Board of Editors admirably during the last four years. Under his able stewardship, the journal achieved many firsts including indexing in PubMed Central. Professor Ng will continue to serve on the Board of Editors and help guide the journal towards further success.

Although the editorship has changed, the aim of the Malaysian Family Physician remains the same. The journal will continue to act as a platform for the publication of research, guidelines and reports relevant to family medicine. Our overarching aim is to improve the translation of research and experience to improve clinical practice. To achieve this, we have expanded the Board of Editors and reviewers. Last December, a workshop was conducted at the 5th Asia Pacific Primary Care Research Conference 2015 for reviewers to improve their skills. We will strive to ensure that the journal continues to maintain high standards of ethical, methodological and professional quality.

This will be the last issue of the Malaysian Family Physician that will be printed on paper. We aim to go fully electronic in the next issue. This decision was made by taking into account the views of the board of editors and readers via a pilot survey. Going fully electronic would mean substantial savings from printing and mailing of the print copies. An online journal would offer authors greater flexibility in terms of page allowances, image colour and quality, and hasten time to publication. 1 Readers will be able to readily access the journal using mobile technology, search past issues easily and lessen their carbon footprint.

In this issue, we have 2 original research articles and 5 case reports. Lum et al conducted a retrospective review of paediatric patients presenting with stridor to determine the aetiological profiles and management. Yeong et al reported that one in every 25 elderly Malaysian living in the community experienced falls in the past year. These articles highlight the diverse range of patients that we see in primary care in terms of age and medical conditions.

I hope that all our readers, contributors, reviewers and editors will continue to support the Malaysian Family Physician. Your support of the journal is greatly appreciated and indispensable for the continuing progress of the journal.

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