

The editorial board of AIPM is greatly pleased to present a fresh innovative and highly educative edition of the journal. As part of our mission to regularly produce at least two issues per year of a peer-reviewed medical journal of international standards, featuring high quality, informative, educative and current medical and medical-related topics and issues. This edition is coming out timely in addressing topical issues from different specialties of medicine ranging from Paediatrics, Ophthalmology, Pathology, Dentistry to Community Medicine.

Featured in this edition is an interesting article on preterm babies. Dr. Ayede, a consultant neonatologist from the department of paediatrics, UCH, Ibadan stated that preterm deaths are responsible for the second highest number of neonatal mortality in Nigeria. And that preterm nutrition contributes significantly to their overall outcome particularly as it relates to neurodevelopment. Her article; "Achieving optimal feeds for preterm babies, recommendations and realities in practice: Nigerian perspective" highlighted practical ways of optimizing nutritional intake in these vulnerable neonates with reference to Nigerian situation. This article is a must read for doctors especially paediatricians.

Cataract being the main cause of avoidable blindness worldwide, the Nigerian national survey of blindness found that cataract was responsible for up to 50% of blindness in Nigeria with a global cataract blindness thought to be increasing by 1-2 million/year despite intense cataract operations globally. The article by Dr. Olawoye demonstrated that good results can be obtained with cataract surgery and intraocular lens implantation in the developing world. It also enumerated that more attention should be directed towards ensuring that successful outcomes are realized through continual monitoring of post-operative visual outcomes and prompt refraction for all patients.

An article from community medicine by Dr. Ige *et al* reported findings from a medical outreach in Ibadan, Nigeria on community screening services for non-communicable diseases and concluded that there is a

need for greater emphasis on community based screening programme to aid early diagnosis and treatment of non-communicable diseases in the country.

Chronicles of medical history in Africa explore great people, moments and publications in the history of medicine. In this edition, we explore the life and impact of a medical icon and pioneer of the department of surgery, University College Hospital, Ibadan in the person of Professor Beatrice M. Joly, a professor and head of surgery (1948-1958). She was the foundation Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University College Hospital, Ibadan (1948-1949). This is a very informative and interesting article written by Dr. S.O. Michael, a Clinical Pharmacologist and a former Editor-in-Chief of Annals of Ibadan Postgraduate Medicine.

Case reports have made significant contributions to medicine and research in general. An article by Dr. Lawal *et al* of the department of oral pathology on florid cemento osseous dysplasia highlighted the possibility of diagnosing florid cemento osseous dysplasia based on clinical examination and radiographic investigation.

Other interesting and educative articles are included in this edition for the reading pleasure of our readership community.

Special thanks to editorial team for a wonderful job and to the reviewers for their promptness and critical review of manuscripts. Thank you all for the exciting journey of success all the way.

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