

Editorial

It gives me immense pleasure to write editorial for the very first issue of "Journal of the Nepal Dental Association (JNDA)." As per the need of time, its high time for Nepal Dental Association to have its own journal in order to exchange its views among the dental professionals and others. Nepal is a developing nation and there are lots of work to be carried out by dental professionals in preventive, interceptive and therapeutic field in order to extend minimum oral health care to the people of Nepal. This is our duty to deliver oral health care in every corner of the country and time has come we should think over it to take up the challenge. The time has gone when there were handful of dental surgeons and they had responsibility to serve a large number of population. The scenario is changing, now every year new in-coming dental surgeons will share such responsibility.

Among the dental problems dental caries, periodontal diseases, malocclusion and oral cancer are few to have immediate attention and its high time we should plan its preventive and therapeutic aspect. Elaborate research is needed to evaluate the incidence and prevalence of oral diseases. Profession expects from the young and energetic dental surgeons to come forward and contribute in the research and clinical field under the guidance of their seniors. Also the demand of profession is the pursuit of excellence. Is our profession poised enough to attain goals of perfection to reach the realms of quality to be accepted as norms thereby substantially increasing the longevity of the attained dental result ?

The patient's need for dental treatment is never what a dental surgeon envisages for him/her. More often a patient reports for other particular reason. However, it should not end with just fulfilling that need. It is professional competence of an operator which enlightens and subsequently achieves the treatment goal which meets the required standard and then go ahead to try and attain excellence in dentistry.

Friends, I have to say a lot but since this is the very first issue of our journal it is enough, I must stop here and talk to you in next issue. An appeal goes to all my friends to strengthen the association and generously contribute for the Journal of the Nepal Dental Association which is going to be published bi-annually.

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