

From the Editors

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17 years after its inception, the McMaster University Medical Journal is delighted to continue its proud tradition of showcasing advances in medicine and science that are driven by medical and graduate students from across Canada. Through this humble endeavour, we strive to provide a platform to disseminate the rapid and ever-changing nuances of medical practice, to explore the oft-overlooked social issues that influence and determine health at the level of the person and population, and to create space for a compelling discourse of the legal and ethical questions that pervade our profession.

Akin to its predecessors, this 17th volume comprises work that spans the bench, the bedside, public health, and all that lies in between. Our authors describe a unique presentation of encephalopathy and statin-induced rhabdomyolysis, examine the clinical decision rules for paediatric pulmonary emboli, and outline the management of a rare T-cell disorder as well as patient positioning for femoral intramedullary nailing. They scrutinize the resident burnout crisis and medical education for postoperative pain management. They narrate the endeavours for a universal influenza vaccine and study the epidemiology of pertussis in Southern Ontario. They challenge the current practices of medical waste management and the ethical considerations of prescribing placebo in a recent randomized controlled trial.

As ever, we remain grateful to the tireless efforts of our executive editors, submission editors, and reviewers, all of whom have generously contributed their valuable time and expertise to bring this issue to fruition. Whilst these efforts comprise a culture that has remained consistent and true across the young life of this journal, we are prouder than ever this year, which has witnessed significant disruptions to the lives and education of medical students amidst a global pandemic. We would also like to thank the authors for their scientific efforts and the opportunity to showcase their work. You provide an important reminder and means to incessantly reflect upon new ideas and challenges and discovery.

Finally: thank you, dear reader, for it is only with your support that this journal can continue to strive and exist.

Sincerely,

Sarah Peters and Aadil Bharwani

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Sarah' written in a cursive, flowing style. The signature on the right is 'A. Bharwani' written in a more stylized, blocky cursive script.