

EDITORIAL

This issue is unique, as it is the first up to date issue of the journal in years. It also has a spectrum of articles from other parts of Nigeria and abroad. This is a reflection of the improved National and global visibility of the journal. The Editorial board remains committed to sustaining and building on this accomplishment.

B. Fiebai presents a review on Neuro-ophthalmic emergencies, which though relatively uncommon, are associated with severe morbidity and even mortality. The review aims to highlight the major ocular disorders that constitute neuro-ophthalmologic emergencies with a view to increasing the index of suspicion of these visual and life threatening disorders among primary care physicians, neurologists and ophthalmologists.

A five year retrospective review of the clinical features and outcome of treatment in patients with focal intracranial suppurations in Port Harcourt is reported by Eghwudjakpor and Allison.

Hepatitis B infection remains a major occupational health hazard among healthcare workers in Nigeria where the disease is hyperendemic. Daboer et al, assess the knowledge, risk perception and vaccination status of primary healthcare workers in Jos, Nigeria, regarding Hepatitis B infection. These groups of health workers are known to be at high risk, resulting from poorer compliance with standard safety precautions by them.

Ike et al, in this experimental research investigated the effects of fractionated neem (dogonyaro) leaf extract on Prothrombin Time (PT) and Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (APTT) based on the numerous and long-term use of neem leaf as a medicinal plant worldwide and a paucity of data on heamato-coagulative effects.

Similarly Koroye et al, investigate the effects of oral administration of GLND'S Aloe vera plus on

the kidneys and hearts of rats in this structural and functional evaluation. This is due to the widespread use of Aloe vera gel based products as nutritional supplements in Nigeria and many other countries of the world.

Corrosive substance ingestion is a Global health concern as it results in varied damage to the digestive tract, ranging from minor injury to strictures, and sometimes even death. Onotai and Nwogbo in this retrospective study sought to determine the pattern of corrosive ingestion as seen in University of Port-Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), Nigeria over a ten year period.

Two Neurological case reports are published in this issue. Niehaus from Germany reports the first case of in vivo radio detoxification of Salmonella Minnesota lipopolysaccharides (LPS) in a patient with lipopolysaccharide-induced polyneuropathy, encephalopathy and Parkinsonism for 14 yrs using radio-labeled Leucine Enkephalin.

While Eke and Akani report a case of Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT), from vincristine neurotoxicity in a 10 year old male patient who developed severe neuropathy following treatment with vincristine for his Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia.

Eyimina and Echem report a case of shoulder dislocation from violent revenue collectors in Port Harcourt.

A clinical quiz on Hypertensive emergency, prepared by D.E. Jesurobo is published as part of our medical education and C.M.E plan. We look forward to receiving C.M.E material from departmental or institutional grand rounds and case seminars for publication in further issues. We hope you enjoy this issue.

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