

A new beginning to promote research in pharmacy practice and community medicine

Dear readers,

Heartiest greetings to all fellow academicians, practicing pharmacists, physicians, independent researchers and students! It is indeed a great privilege and an honor for me to be addressing you all at the launching of the first issue of *Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Community Medicine (JPPCM)*. JPPCM aims at facilitating the development of community-based research, education, and health care services. The purpose of this journal is to promote excellence in pharmacy practice and community medicine.

The field of pharmacy practice and community medicine has grown in the last few years. At present, in India, there are about 1500 pharmacy schools offering Bachelor of Pharmacy program (B.Pharm), and out of those, 200 pharmacy schools offer Doctor of Pharmacy degree (Pharm.D). Scope of employment for pharmacists has changed from conventional jobs (production and dispensing) to providing pharmaceutical care to patients.

Furthermore near about 4000 colleges offer medical, nursing and dental education in India at under and post graduate level, they taught and promote research in community medicine and medical pharmacology. Moreover in recent past government of India also open 7 Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), the main objective of these institutions to promote public and community health based research through impart offer various courses at post graduate level, training and workshops etc. Bearing in mind this, it is praiseworthy that **Indian Academy of Pharmacists (IAOP)** has determined to launch a journal exclusively for pharmacy practice and community health based studies that will publish 3 issues annually.

JPPCM invites quality articles to build goodreadership, gain knowledge and update health professionals with the latest development in the field. I also invite all area experts to join us as reviewers.

On behalf of the Editorial Board and review members of the *Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Community Medicine (JPPCM)*, I am pleased to announce the launch of the first issue of JPPCM. All Editorial Board members of JPPCM are independent academic professors working for non-for-profit organizations.

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