

Journal of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons: An Ongoing Journey of Quality, Remembering the Past, Glorifying the Present and Anchoring a Lightning Future

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On 6th June 1972, Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, established the Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) with the aim to produce qualified, dedicated specialists in all branches of medical sciences.¹ Over the previous 50 years, BCPS has become the pioneer institute for postgraduate medical education and training. By the Grace of Almighty Allah and through the wisdom and hard work of the fellows the College, a rich heritage has been attained, not only in academic and service spheres, but also in philosophical and conceptual aspects. The glorious contribution of BCPS in the development of quality specialists and health human resources has attained almost to a level of self-sufficiency.²

Edinburgh Medical School published *Medical Essays and Observations* in 1731, which was the first medical journal of the world.³ *Bangladesh Medical Journal* published by the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) is the oldest journal of the country, which was first published in 1972. The *Journal of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (JBCPS)* was first published in August 1983. JBCPS, since its birth, has been serving as an important platform for publishing scholarly research articles from home and abroad, addressing a wide variety of specialties and ultimately contributing to the improvement in clinical practice. On the eve of golden jubilee celebration of BCPS, it is a proud moment for JBCPS to flourish with this special supplement highlighting all activities of the fellows, members and the college.

There have been extra-ordinary improvements in the assessment (examination) system, research activity, training for the trainees and trainers and none the less, in all dimensions of the college.⁴ To update and apprise the academicians about all these information and developmental changes, the JBCPS editorial board invited selected legendary fellows to prepare manuscripts on seven important topics. All these papers

have turned to be masterpieces and are being published in this golden jubilee special supplement issue.⁵⁻¹¹ Fellows' contributions in the health sector development and managing the dire crisis of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) are possibly the two topmost achievements in the success history of Bangladesh.^{5,6} These papers will be the cornerstones of BCPS spokesmen in the coming decades.

It is an honor to serve as the Editor-in-Chief on this grand event. I sincerely acknowledge the first Editor-in-Chief of JBCPS Prof. Golam Rasul and all other chief editors and members of the editorial boards who have given their prime times in the progress and development of this shining journal. My heart felt congratulations to all the authors who have published over 1200 research papers and flourished the JBCPS to its present glorious position.¹²

The escalating momentum of the journey of JBCPS has just reached to its youth, continuous and everlasting endeavor of the fellows will further nourish it and it appears to be the aspiration of each and every fellow of the college that the JBCPS will further glorify its journey to reach and rule the global arena of scholarly publications in all aspects of medical sciences.

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