

## Editorial

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The second issue of the *Journal of Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine* is primarily devoted to topics related to cerebral palsy (CP). Solicited articles include a comprehensive review of osteoporosis, neurogenic bladder in CP, barriers to occupational and physical therapy services in CP, therapy for CP in India, chronic pain in CP, energy expenditure in CP with intrathecal baclofen and our first unsolicited article on bronchoscopy in children with neurodevelopmental disorders. From an educational standpoint, there is a brief report on child development training, two case reports and a Continuing Medical Education Section.

The treatment of osteoporosis in children with CP has been an evolving science over the last two decades. Until recently, many practitioners, including myself, would have casted a fracture and taken no further action, thereby expecting additional fractures in the future. Apkon and Kecksemethy provide a thorough review of the treatment of osteoporosis in the child with cerebral palsy. This approach offers an improvement in bone mineralization for this group of children. As scientific knowledge expands, one could consider the same treatment could be provided for children with neuromuscular disease, paraplegia, and quadriplegia with concomitants osteoporosis. Recognizing that complications exist, the practitioner will have to weigh the benefits obtained versus the potential side effects.

Hamslin et al., describe for us the treatment approach for cerebral palsy from Calcutta. With limited resources and funding, underdeveloped countries face many obstacles in providing care for children with disabilities. Overcoming these barriers presents additional challenges and rewards to the entire healthcare team.

In the first issue, I recognized outstanding institutions which contributed to my training. In order for an institution to provide an excellent education, it must

have outstanding teachers and professors. Consequently, I also would like to recognize and thank the professors who during my education have provided the mentorship and guidance which have enabled the concept of this journal to come to fruition. Their dedication has contributed to the academic and professional careers of countless of students: Julius H. Mastro, PhD, (deceased) of Drew University; Patricia Barry, PhD, of University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Dennis Hoban, PhD, June May, PhD, and Julia Cruz, MD of Wake Forest University School of Medicine; Alan Gruskin, MD, Edward Dabrowski, MD, Bruce Gans, MD, and Ernie Yoder, MD, of Wayne State University.

One of the goals of this journal is to provide a transdisciplinary approach to pediatric rehabilitation care. As such, the editorial board has been structured to include all members and disciplines of the rehabilitation team. Since the first issue, we are pleased to announce the addition of the following editors: Douglas A. Hobson, PhD, Biomedical Engineering; Daniel K. Halvorsen II, PhD, Exercise Physiology; Robin T. Cotton, MD, Otolaryngology; Adnan Hyder, PhD, Health Policy; and Lucia Willadino Braga, PhD, Neurorehabilitation. Suggestions for other content areas are welcome. Also, we would like to congratulate the new diplomates who have passed the American Board of PM&R subspecialization in Pediatric Rehabilitation. In addition, to further encourage collaboration, we will continue to publish a schedule of the major conferences and welcome submissions for this section.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the two guest editors of this issue, Elizabeth Moberg-Wolf, MD, and Lynn Romeiser Logan, PT, MA, PCS, for their efforts.

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