



Dear Readers,

With our December issue, we have completed our 5<sup>th</sup> year of serving you. During this time, we brought together many research and case presentation articles. As a matter of fact, our journal received 453 articles from 49 different countries. We thank you for your immense support.

In this issue, we are presenting one review, three case presentations, and six research articles. The research articles published contain several significant topics. The review presented is about how masks that were frequently and mandatorily used during the COVID-19 pandemic affect our general health. We certainly believe that its relevant and unique topic will capture your interest. Even though the COVID-19 pandemic has been noticeably losing its impact, research in this area will inform and enlighten us regarding possible future pandemics and effectively combat them. With this understanding, we present the two research articles on COVID-19. In Uymaz and colleagues' research, the focus is on general work-related and 'nearly missed work accidents experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. The other research quantitatively examines the relationship between COVID-19 and mental health. We hope both will be of interest to you.

In Family Medicine, the evaluation of children presents itself as quite a significant task. Ucar et al. share with us an example that showcases how family pictures painted by children themselves can be used in biopsychosocial evaluations of children. We think that evaluating children psychosocially relying on their own paintings will be revealing, and this process will enhance the quality of our communication and trust relationships.

In this issue, we also include articles that focus on one of Family Medicine's main areas- chronic illness management. The study by Altindag et al. draws attention to the importance of the doctor-patient relationship in arranging the medicine usage by the patients. We all share the same understanding of the significance of early diagnosis in breast and cervical cancer cases that affect the lives of many women. In their research, Gokcek et al. evaluate whether information obtained through mobile scanning is more effective than other methods.

We deeply value the work of Family Medicine doctors as they investigate applications and progress in frequently encountered cases and make sure we share their findings with you. Dabak et al. show the diminished responsibility Family Medicine doctors assume in managing patients with irritable bowel syndrome.

While not so strong in providing evidence, case presentations lead to a meaningful awareness, lead the oath for future research, and help researchers as they navigate through important issues. In our issue, we are sharing with you three such case presentations.

We hope to be with you again in spring.

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