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Dear Friends,

It gives me immense pleasure to write the Guest Editorial for this issue of the UP journal of Ophthalmology and I feel truly honoured. The effort that is being done in this direction is truly commendable and this journal will definitely fulfil its job of disseminating the up-to-date knowledge in the field of ophthalmology.

As I could figure out, this journal has some of the best articles that can be published for the benefit of the readers. The original article involves a burning topic which every cornea surgeon would love to read and update his information regarding the role of anti-VEGF in tackling corneal neovascularization to prevent the occurrence of corneal graft rejection and improve graft survival. The role of anti-VEGF in corneal neovascularization is truly controversial and it is essential to understand the benefits and limitations of anti-VEGF in this direction. In this issue we have a couple of wonderful review articles which provide insight towards systemic health in general that can have an impact on eye health. Glaucoma is a silent killer which can have relationship with systemic diseases and also with the medications needed to treat these systemic conditions. It is also very essential to emphasize the need to understand the mental health and psychology of a patient reporting to an ophthalmologist. This is again not only essential to understand the seriousness of the disorder in such patients but also to enhance the drug compliance and to improve the efficacy of treatment. Rho kinase inhibitors are becoming popular these days not only to improve the corneal endothelial function but also to enhance the efficacy of treatment of glaucoma. Earlier it was not available in Indian market but of late the Indian pharmaceutical companies have started manufacturing this drug and it is a very good addition to our armamentarium.

The COVID pandemic and the Mucor mycosis resulting due to this had a huge impact on the well being of the mankind. Things are improving now and we hope that it will keep on improving so that the year 2022 brings relief for everyone.

The ophthalmic fraternity has been badly affected by the pandemic but in spite of all these, the academic activities have continued online to update each other with the latest in our subjects. This journal is also a great step in this direction and I am sure that the efforts made by the editorial team led by the Editor Dr Shalini Mohan will be of great value in the betterment of scientific knowledge amongst our peers thereby improving the quality of patient care.

I congratulate the whole team of UP state Ophthalmological Society for the excellent work that they are doing and wish all the members a very safe, healthy, prosperous and happy 2022.

Best regards

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