

## Preface from the Editors

With the inauguration of the Editors' Award, the quality of recent submissions has been impressive. The diverse array of research interests from student authors continues to support the need for a student-run publication, such as the *UTMJ*, in which a sample of students' interests, both from a basic science and clinical perspective, can be surveyed. Thus, on behalf of the entire editorial staff, we are proud to offer the most recent samplings from the 77th volume.

In keeping with the refined vision of the *UTMJ*,<sup>1</sup> we present four feature articles that cover a broad range of topics from diverse fields of surgery, medicine, neurology, and immunology. Privitera *et al.* present an interesting surgical case of a patient who underwent lung volume reduction surgery with concomitant coronary artery bypass grafting, but without the use of cardiopulmonary bypass. According to the authors, this is the first time that such a case has been reported. Mozeg and Sasal overview a troublesome complication of end-stage renal disease: calciphylaxis. Edwards *et al.* review the literature and their own findings in order to gain an understanding of the mechanisms responsible for seizure-induced alterations in reproductive function. Lastly, Mak *et al.* address the physiological roles of cadherins in cell signalling, tumour responses, and immune responses.

In this issue, News and Views showcases articles that reflect both student opinion and commentary, and even a methodological approach to interpreting a chest x-ray! Morning Report explores the cause of a seemingly enigmatic exanthem on the pediatric wards and Clinicopathological Correlation thoroughly investigates the

cause of a "perplexing" pelvic mass. Quick Diagnosis offers the internist an opportunity to test his/her skills.

With the recent conversion of the radiology departments at the University of Health Network to a "filmless" digital system for storing and retrieving imaging material, it is fitting that Technology Review examines the topic in detail. Finally, six books encompassing various aspects of medicine are concisely evaluated in Book Reviews.

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