

Preface from the Editors

We are very excited to present to you the second issue of the UTMJ for the academic year of 2006-2007. For this issue, we have succeeded in compiling an impressive variety of articles we hope you will enjoy.

In this issue we bring you two feature articles on epilepsy. The first article looks at the topic from a historical lens and presents an inventory of fascinating and disturbing epileptic treatments from the past two centuries. The second article presents a contemporary perspective on the misconceptions and stigmas associated with epilepsy in Africa. Together, these two articles illuminate how the practice of medicine is inextricably linked to the social and cultural landscape of the time and place.

In *News at a Glance*, we shift our focus to the advances in science that are changing the practice of medicine. The development of the HPV vaccine and its implications to the health of women worldwide is discussed in an article by Levy. The link between the type of intravenous fluid used during resuscitation and post-hemorrhagic shock immune dysfunction is discussed in an article by Han and Mardimae.

In *Health Policy and Economics*, Yanagawa and Tanuseputro discuss the role of physicians as managers of

healthcare resources. The authors present the idea that practice guidelines and centralized waitlists may assist in the effective management of healthcare resources.

This issue also contains an interesting collection of clinical pieces. In *Morning Report*, Giesbrecht and Binhammer present the case history and surgical management of a dorsal hand friction injury. Our *Clinicopathological Correlation* section features a detailed discussion on Li-Fraumeni syndrome, a rare condition with profound medical, social and psychological implications for affected individuals.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our editorial staff. We would also like to thank our generous patrons for their continuing support of the UTMJ.

With much thanks,

Janice Kwan and Justine Chan
Editors-in-Chief