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On behalf of the Editorial Team, and with profound pleasure, humility, and honor, I extend a very warm welcome to the readership of Marshall Journal of Medicine (MJM). I take this opportunity to thank our authors and anonymous reviewers, all of whom have volunteered in integral roles to contribute to the successful launch of the journal. MJM is peer-reviewed, open access scholarly platform that provides opportunities for conversation and serious consideration about how we facilitate the dialogue between scientists and society.

Meeting competing demands for specialized knowledge and for boundary-spanning solutions to real world problems requires academic institutions to seek ways to connect disparate fields of knowledge while deepening scholarly expertise. Such faculty-driven scholarly work is rooted in the lively exchange of idea-based conversation at its best. Faculty publication is often the most enduring and influential contribution a scholar makes to the academic conversation to create vibrant “intellectual community.” A strong intellectual community not only supports interaction across disciplines but also helps connect the larger purposes of scholarly inquiry. MJM intends to build a more vibrant intellectual community while enhancing the quality of subsequent scholarship.

It is my expectation that MJM will give the rural Appalachian community an academic voice for discourse that will help us move forward clinically and intellectually. Ultimately, as any medical endeavor must begin and end with the interests of our patients in mind, I believe this will inspire future advancement in science and the scientific community, thus meaningfully improve lives and, consequently, our Appalachian communities.

We encourage submissions from the scientific community and its associated practitioners to ensure the continued success of the journal. We welcome original research, reviews of the literature, critical commentaries, clinical case reports and letters to the editor. The letters section will include peer-reviewed research letters, as well as opinion pieces and critiques. To stimulate this for the next issue and beyond, I encourage you to submit a “hot topic” piece from your field. My hope is that this feature will make MJM relevant platform to ask questions and find answers. These are brave ambitions, but we must aim high. .

Once more, on behalf of the editorial board, I welcome you to this journal. Together, we will meaningfully move health and its associated public safety and public health services to the next level.

Thank you. We hope you will find MJM informative.

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