

EDITORIAL

Of Hurdles, Battles, and The Art of War



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This issue marks our first for 2019. A bit way past our target date but worth the wait.

There were many hurdles to contend with as with previous issues. There were limited manuscript submissions, limited time, limited budget, limited manpower. Only the hurdle list is limitless and goes on and on.

We are not disheartened. We have engaged and collaborated with other Medical Journal Editors through scientific meetings, ventured into Journal Editing and Peer Review Workshops, and revisited basic Evidence-based Medicine Courses. All these in the first two quarters of 2019, as we pave a smoother road to Scopus.

These hurdles are nothing compared to real battles presented in this issue:

The fight with HIV in the Philippines exists. A study on “The Epidemiology and Outcome of Children Living with HIV in a Tertiary Hospital” is presented. Related to this, “The Effectiveness of digital media Technology-based Interventions on HIV & STI Risk Reduction Among Young People” is shared.

The struggle with Antimicrobial Resistant organisms is felt through “The Clinico-Epidemiologic Profile and Outcome of Pediatric Patients with Multi drug Resistant Gram-Negative Healthcare Associated Infections.”

The scuffle with Sepsis is something to take on. Studies on “The Duration of Preterm Premature Rupture of Membranes as Predictor of Histologic Chorioamnionitis and Early Onset Neonatal Sepsis” and “Effectiveness of Daily Chlorhexidine Bathing in Reducing Healthcare-Associated Infections in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit” are unveiled.

The brawl with Pneumonia is not to be left out through the study on “Comparison of Various Methods of Detection of Hypoxemia and Correlation of Hypoxemia with Clinical Features among Pediatric Patients with Community Acquired Pneumonia.”

Lastly, as the dengue saga continues, we put forth a Dengue Disease Awareness Bulletin and Campaign for Pediatricians from the Philippine Pediatric Society and the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines. In time, we hope to win the real war against dengue.

Too many hurdles to overcome, too many battles to win, but as Sun Tzu in *The Art of War* said, “If you know the enemy and you know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.”