

EDITORIAL

Of Pandemics, Epidemics, and Outbreaks.

It's been 1 year 4 months and 15 days since the world dealt with this pandemic head on. At the onset, we struggled with COVID-19 diagnosis, treatment and prevention. It was a tough process. We know better now as we continue to discover new things.

In this issue, we share interesting discoveries on COVID-19. 'Fulminant hepatic failure in a SARS-CoV-2 positive pediatric patient', and 'Outcomes of infants born to mothers with SARS-CoV-2 infection' are some of these. A rapid review on the sensitivity of SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR done on different clinical specimens is an equally interesting read.

As if COVID-19 was not enough, HIV and MDRO outbreaks continue to slip in the background. An institutional experience on 'Outcomes of HIV exposed infants enrolled in the prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) at the Philippine General Hospital' is presented. 'Use of polymyxins against multidrug resistant gram-negative bacteria' also provide a timely review on MDR infections.

Leptospirosis a seasonal cause of outbreaks in the local setting is revisited in 'Clinical profile of pediatric patients with leptospirosis.'

We bring at the forefront sequela from immune dysregulation as a result of COVID-19 and other viral infections --- MIS-C and HLH. 'Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C): a case series' and 'Etiology, treatment and outcome of children diagnosed with secondary Hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis' are highlighted.

'Fever of unknown origin among children in two private, urban, tertiary hospitals: a 27-year retrospective study' also looks into FUO clusters.

To cap this issue, principles relevant to this pandemic are featured. 'Interim Guidelines on Screening, Assessment and Clinical Management of pediatric patients with suspected or confirmed coronavirus disease 2019' and 'Childhood immunization schedule 2021' are put into focus.

As we continue to live in the present, I can't help but look forward to the future and recount events of the past. Reality commands though that here and now, we should let sound scientific principles and correct consistent practices be our armor. I encourage the same for all. We will end our duel someday soon with COVID-19.



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