

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Greetings from the team of ijopp!

The diversity in medical practice due to the availability of different treatment options for a disease condition is certainly a matter of concern.

In such a scenario, there is a need for Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) for the effective and economically efficient use of medicines.

STGs which list the first line, second line and third line treatment of disease conditions along with the non-pharmacological treatments would be a valuable guide for the practitioners at all levels. Following standard treatment methods contributes towards rational drug therapy.

STGs are available in different countries such as Australia, UK, USA, Uganda and so on.

In Sept 2011, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India has introduced standard treatment guidelines for ten specialities. Adoption of this would ensure quality health care to all patients.

We, the pharmacists can contribute to healthcare in our respective clinical settings by preparing guidelines for the different disease conditions prevailing in the hospitals after studying the prescribing pattern and Drug Utilization Evaluation.

Our next issue being the special issue which will be released during the APTI convention, I once again invite contributions of quality from all of you to make it scientifically rich and informative.

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