

“If you want to change the world, pick up your pen and write”

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I have accepted the role of Editor of Emergency Care Journal with great enthusiasm. I wish to thank Ivo Casagrande, who will continue into the future in the role of Senior Editor (and my guide) and all previous Editors for the contribution made to this journal up to now.

In a historical moment of great uncertainty and inevitable change, our journal looks to the future with a new motivation. Emergency Medicine is a relative “young” discipline in many countries of the world, which deserves investment in clinical research and outlines its identity through it. I will spend all my research and editorial experiences to grow up our journal and spread its original contents. I sincerely hope that Emergency Care Journal, as the official journal of the Academy on Emergency Medicine and Care (AcEMC),² will represent a valid opportunity to present original manuscripts, reviews and clinical reports, particularly for young researchers. On the other hand, the journal will support continuous clinical and research updates for both physicians and nurses working in Emergency Departments.

To this aim, three young emergency medicine researchers who will act as Assistant Editors, Greta Barbieri, Erika Poggiali and Veronica Salvatore, have enhanced the editorial board, speeding up the process of peer revision, and wide-spreading contents by social media.

We also introduce Mini Reviews as new submission type for manuscripts (with a maximum of 3500 words, 50 references, 4 tables and/or figures). This novelty has been added for supporting the submission of interesting and/or underestimated issues in the emergency medicine field, with inclusion of relevant and essential literature. Highlights by bullet points will focus the subject. Mini Reviews can include the discussion of a case report functioning as an introduction to the topic, and they will be given priority for publication over simple case reports in the journal.

This issue of the journal offers four original manuscripts, one review and five case reports, with a large space still given to COVID-19.

Among original articles, Giostra *et al.* describe the impact of pandemic and lockdown on emergency room access in several centres of the AcEMC from Northern and Central Italy.³ Poggiali *et al.*

suggest a role of screening criteria and point-of-care lung ultrasound in the triage decision-making process in an Emergency Department during the phase 2 of the COVID-19 Italian epidemic,⁴ given the evidence of previous multicentre studies.⁵ Finally, Yambasu *et al.*⁶ focus attention on obstetric emergency department attendance the first months of COVID-19 pandemic. The last original article by Vonk *et al.*⁷ deals with the important issue of factors associated with patients' length of stay in the emergency department.

The review article by Latsios *et al.*⁸ offers a critical overview on the role of automated compression devices in out-of- and in-hospital cardiac arrest.

Clinical reports complete the present issue of Emergency Care Journal. They include uncommon complications of COVID-19, such as pericarditis⁹ and simultaneous arterial and venous thromboembolic events.¹⁰ Original clinical cases of poisoning from chronic carbon monoxide,¹¹ cardiac toxicity of aconitine intake¹² and severe favism complications in Jehovah's Witness¹³ are also presented.

Dear readers, we will continue to offer articles for research and clinical updates and educational purpose: please advise your colleagues to follow-us!

Dear researchers, if you want to spread your results in the research community, open your pc, follow our suggestions and submit your manuscript to Emergency Care Journal!

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