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We are in the new era of fast-growing technological advances in medical science that was unimaginable a few decades ago. Yet the biggest challenge for 'global healthcare' is the accessibility of even basic healthcare at the point of need.

This is the main cause for a large number of fatalities that could have been prevented, given the potential that exists in terms of diagnosis, treatment and aftercare capability across international communities.



Perhaps, we may all share the sentiments expressed by the Late Martin Luther King Jr who said," *Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhuman*". In keeping with this thought, the idea for *Swasthya* (meaning Health in Hindi) - a publication aimed at promoting 'access to affordable healthcare for all' - was incubated.

I am grateful to the professionals for their kind support for this publication and joining our Editorial Advisory Board. We are fortunate to have a team of medical experts to guide the editorial policies for this not-for-profit publication. The contents will generally be about Affordable Healthcare covering a wide range of issues in relation to planning and delivery of health services. Both educational and development of skills will be aligned with innovation and research to showcase the best examples of good practice and promote achievements. We envisage readership reaching out to those who are engaged as providers in the healthcare, as well as involved in inspection and regulatory activities for improving care. It is vital that those placed in the position of influencing changes are part of our campaign to the sharing of solutions to healthcare challenges.

Our editorial team is sensitive to the challenges faced by the UK in the post-BREXIT situation as well as the impact of COVID19, with an increased focus on healthcare initiatives in the Commonwealth and current and future Indo-British collaborations in this area.

Our editorial team welcomes and encourages contributions from experts in areas of planning and delivery of healthcare and innovation. We would like to invite articles, news and information on current hot-topics from professionals in the healthcare sector.

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