

EDITORIAL

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The publication of this journal is made earlier so as to enable all our authors to submit their publication list before the year ended. The usual publication in the months of January, June and December is now rescheduled to January, May and September. We have also made some changes to the cover and layout of our journal with attractive colours.

In this issue we published two review papers, three original articles and three case reports. In the original articles, we have included the topic on Malaysian experience in the usage of some medications among renal-transplanted patients; a study on stroke survivors and KAP study amongst patients towards painkillers.

The topic on renal disease will be of interest by many. This topic was also discussed widely in the Sabah State recently in conjunction of the official opening of our first University Haemodialysis Unit by our first lady Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, who happened to be a medical specialist.

It is widely known that the number of patients needing haemodialysis services is increasing by years. However service availability to patients-in-need is limited to major towns and hospitals only. We need more commitments not only from the government but also from various agencies and corporate bodies to provide the services to the people. Public awareness on renal

diseases and its prevention are also vital to be imparted to public.

In few months we will be moving to a new year. This year marked a special event to our country as we celebrate our 61 years of

independence with smooth transition to a new government. This will be a government to bring us towards a developed nation by the year 2020. We are looking forward for a successful years for our journal too.