

Preface from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to present you with the second issue of the 94th volume of the *UTMJ*. While a large spectrum of human disease has been discussed in previous editions of the *UTMJ*, our current theme of Surgery has remained largely out of the spotlight. With over 359 million surgical procedures performed annually around the world,¹ surgery has become an integral component of healthcare delivery. According to estimates, at least 30% of the global burden of disease can be alleviated by surgery or by involving a surgeon in disease management.² Research driven advancements in the field continue to challenge the status-quo and transform the delivery of surgical care around the world.

We are thrilled to feature original research, reviews, commentaries, and interviews that encompass a variety of topics pertinent to Surgery. In his review, Aadil Ali provides a thorough discussion of the world renowned Normothermic Ex

Vivo Lung Perfusion Toronto Protocol. We are also proud to feature interviews with Drs. Mitchell Brown and Mitesh Badiwala, University of Toronto affiliated surgeons who are leaders in their respective fields. Drs. Brown and Badiwala discuss a variety of topics and help illuminate some of the challenges encountered in the delivery of surgical care.

This is an exciting time for Surgery, especially as technological advancements revolutionize the field and surgical care becomes more available to the world's population. It is with this same sense of duty and optimism that the 2016-2017 *UTMJ* team has endeavoured to compile this issue. We would like to express our appreciation for the dedication and hard work of our team of section reviewers, copy editors, associate editors, the interview team, cover artist, and web developers. We are grateful for ongoing patronage of the journal by our sponsors. Finally, we would like to thank you - the reader; we hope you enjoy reading this issue!

Sincerely,

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