

## Preface from the Editors

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to present you with the first 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 Paediatric Health has remained largely out of the spotlight. Our understanding of the interacting roles of genetics and environment in paediatric development, health, and disease is beginning to unfold. The impact of paediatric health on future healthcare outcomes, including those extending into adulthood, cannot be understated. Despite major advances in research and health care, however, close to six million children in the world under the age of five die every year.<sup>1</sup>

We are thrilled to feature original research, reviews, commentaries, interviews, and book reviews that encompass a variety of topics pertinent to paediatric health. In his review, Dr. David Malkin provides a thorough discussion of cancer predisposition syndromes and their implications. We are also proud to feature an interview with Dr. Michael Apkon, President and CEO of the Hospital for Sick Children, who is leading a new

era of change and helps to illuminate some of the challenges encountered in paediatric healthcare.

This is an exciting time for paediatric health, with new battles being won and new challenges being overcome every day. 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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### References

1. World Health Organization