

Dear Friends,

A very happy new year to everyone. I wish that this new year brings happiness and health to all. This is the 5th year since we started AIOA journal and we progressed with ISSN number and conference every year. Last annual conference was held at Hyderabad and in 2024, PGI Chandigarh is hosting the academic extravaganza.

In the current issue, an editorial is highlighting importance of communication skill. As communication with patients, their relatives and colleagues of all specialty is an art which helps in providing safer anaesthesia and creating cordial and friendly working environment.

We all know ophthalmic surgery is a microscopic surgery and an important aspect of uninterrupted ocular surgery is maintenance of the central position of the eye. Movement of eye during surgery can cause injury to the structures therein as a result of the various instruments inside the eyeball. In this issue, a study pertaining to effect of depth of anaesthesia on the eye position during short procedures is discussed. Another short communication discusses gaze stabilization, gaze shifting, role of various reflexes and mechanism of eyeball movements during anaesthesia.

Noninvasive monitoring is always good for the patient and estimation of optic nerve sheath diameter is a useful tool in the Anaesthesiologist's Armamentarium. Its uses in ophthalmic and non-ophthalmic procedures are discussed in this issue. Syringing and probing is required in children with nasolacrimal duct obstruction and this procedure has high risk of respiratory complications. In this issue, anaesthetic management of syringing and probing for an infant with cleft palate is discussed along with a literature review.

Complications can happen at any time and anywhere within the hospital premises due to the presence of a myriad of diseases and comorbidities within the patient population. This issue also provides guidance to form a rapid response team in order to reduce morbidity and mortality of the patients.

I hope this issue provides the readers with new knowledge and a newer perspective in terms of patient management and care. I would also like to express my most sincere gratitude to all the authors as well as readers for making this journal a worthwhile read.



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