

EDITORIAL



Dr. Manish Kumar

Consultant Rheumatologist, Patna.

Dear Friends and Esteemed Members of IMA,

Greetings from the editorial board.

On behalf of the editorial committee, I welcome you all in the special edition of The Patna Journal of Medicine. I am delighted to present the Rheumatology special edition to you. This special edition is an attempt to reach out to our members, giving them the latest developments in our field in an easily readable format. Our editorial board has worked hard to bring you diversified and exciting contents. Public and Physician awareness is an essential goal of IMA and this issue will help to make awareness among members about developments in the field of Rheumatology and recent advances in their management.

As we all know that Musculoskeletal diseases is defined as the diseases of connective tissue and medical disorders of the musculoskeletal or loco motor system, and the branch of medicine concerned with these diseases shall be referred to as Rheumatology. Rheumatology is a branch of medicine devoted to the diagnosis and management of disorders whose common feature is inflammation in the bones, muscles, joints, and internal organs. Rheumatology covers more than 100 different complex diseases, collectively known as rheumatic diseases, which includes many forms of arthritis as well as lupus and Sjögren's syndrome.

Articles in this issue containing original researches, review articles and letters to the editor will fulfill our desire to update advances in the field of Rheumatology.

I hope our endeavor will continue in all future issues of the journal.

With warm regards,

Dr. Manish Kumar