

Address from the New Indian Association of Palliative Care President

Thank you for having placed your trust in me and electing me as the new President of Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPC). I will endeavor to do whatever is in my capacity to take the organization forward. I have been a member ever since I joined Palliative Care in 1994 and have thus seen the growth which elected office bearers have sought to accomplish over the years; each with their own individual talents and backing of organizations. This has helped growth in various facets, to bring us where we are, on the brink of celebrating 25 years. I thank one and all for that.

As a hardcore clinician, I would like to take this opportunity to focus growth on trying to integrate the IAPC into the various organizations who partner with us in caring for patients and their families with life limiting conditions.

There is already such a good example in the end of life care and some work in pediatrics. There is also sterling work in engaging with the Government on Morphine availability and Palliative Care Policy. These will continue, along with some efforts in Geriatrics, Psycho-Oncology, and Quality Standards.

We need to work hard to continue these efforts, and I invite each and every one of us to offer our services either in these groups or give us suggestions how to improve our integration into other fields.

We are undergoing an identity crisis as we were apprised in the AGM last month. There is a major financial crunch to move forward, and we will need to take whatever steps necessary to go forward. Please repose your faith in the Central Council members.

The journal is moving from strength to strength under the able steering of Dr. Sushma and ably aided by Dr. Naveen. To be able to bring out four issues a year, there is a need for more articles. Ours is an indexed

journal so getting published in IJPC will adequately recognize your sterling work. Research writing helps one grow; there is so much of work being done by all of us, but we are shy of writing about it. Then, the country and the world do not learn about our unique methods and experiences.

Please write about your work in our journal. I am sure the editors will help you in finalizing the paper.

Once again, I invite each and every member to be more active in writing about the work we do. Support the IAPC in every way you can, to help make a difference in the lives of our patients and their families, together.

Thank you!

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