

Editorial

The present issue of the Chettinad Health City Medical Journal showcases a variety of articles and reports from various medical specialities.

The issue opens with an interesting pair of perspective articles. Endometriosis is a challenging problem for the gynecologists and its pathogenesis is not clear. There is an increased incidence of endometriosis among infertile women. This fact has been analyzed and a new hypothesis for the cause of endometriosis has been put forward by the authors.

Trigeminal neuralgia is another common problem and the most painful condition. The current status of treatment of this condition has been highlighted in the other perspective article.

Chronic subdural hematoma is one of the common conditions seen in neurosurgical practice. The surgery for this condition ranges from twist-drill drainage, burr hole drainage to craniotomy. A novel method of keeping a subgaleal drain for draining the chronic subdural hematoma after burr hole has been advocated and an experience with this procedure has been analyzed in an original article. Ischemic stroke is another common neurological problem. The National Institute of Health, USA, has proposed a stroke scale, the National Institute of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS). This scale is an objective measure of the clinical severity. In the other original article, the correlation between the admission NIHSS and the longterm outcome in ischemic stroke has been studied.

The case reports section is also very interesting. The extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) has been used with success for the treatment of multidrug intoxication and this has been highlighted. An unusual case of intraoral neurofibroma with osseous metaplasia forms another report. Good surgical outcome following fixation of fracture of intraarticular (capitellum) part of humerus has also been reported. An interesting case of hearing loss following spinal anesthesia forms the other case report. A case of mesenteric vascular occlusion due to cardiogenic emboli and its successful medical management also has been reported. A glowing tribute to Dr. Denton Cooley, the pioneer in cardiac surgery forms the history article.

This issue stands testimony to a high quality multi-disciplinary medical journal and will be of interest to all the readers.

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