

WELCOME BY PRESIDENT POGS 2022–23

Greetings from Pune Obstetric and Gynaecological Society!

It is heartwarming to write this special message in the inaugural issue of *Journal of Obstetric and Gynaecological Practices POGS*! It is for the first time any local organization is coming up with a journal of its own.

The Pune Obstetric and Gynaecological Society (POGS) is a professional body with gynecologists and obstetricians in Pune as its members. The POGS has a mission to unite its members to strengthen the professional bonds amongst members to help enhance knowledge, research and the standards of the clinical practice to be able to serve the women better. The organization was started in 1953 with 7 members and rejuvenated in 1963. POGS has organized two All India Congresses apart from many state, national and international conferences to disseminate knowledge to its members and improve standard of care for our women. The conferences also give an opportunity for postgraduate students and consultants to present their work.

As POGS enters 70th year of its existence, the managing committee thought of a few initiatives to promote research. As the President of the organization, I must thank the past presidents who generously donated to initiate prizes for winners in free paper and poster during the annual conference and two research prizes for research in infertility and translational research. These prizes were distributed during the annual conference in an award ceremony where past presidents of the organization were felicitated for their contribution to POGS and their generosity. The second initiative was to start a journal which was a mammoth task.

In 1932, Coolidge coined a phrase “Publish or Perish”. Nine decades later, it is becoming a reality and it is mandatory for postgraduate students to publish a paper, present papers and posters in conferences before they complete their postgraduation. Unfortunately, the students are not able to submit their research work to a standard or reputed journal. Professors from Pune felt the need of having a journal of our own and started working on it. Applications were invited for various posts of the journal and editorial team was finalized depending on editorial experience, teaching experience and published research. The final team is a perfect blend of experienced seniors and enthusiastic juniors who are tirelessly working towards one goal that is to come out with a quality journal. We are guided by national and international advisors with vast experience in publishing plus peer reviewers from national and international pool of researchers.

Journal of Obstetric and Gynaecological Practices POGS, the official publication of Pune Obstetric and Gynaecological Society (POGS), is a peer-reviewed, print and online biannual journal. The journal aims to publish research spanning the entire canvas of obstetrics and gynecology. While the journal strongly encourages publications from advanced world-class research in subspecialties, viz. Gyne-Oncology, Fetomaternal Medicine, Gyne-Endocrinology, Minimal Access Surgery and the field of Assisted Reproductive Techniques, it is likewise dedicated to encourage publications in fields of Family Planning, Social Obstetrics and Research relevant to rural practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the global south.

The journal aims to encourage thinking, questioning and continued medical education to improve upon accepted wisdom. In obstetrics and gynecology practice, we aim to provide a vista to innovators to publish their research in fields of conventional surgery and also novel ideas to provide high-quality care at a lesser cost for wider women welfare.

We in POGS sincerely hope that as an organization we do our bit to inculcate culture of research and bring out the scientists in the clinicians.

To get to know, to discover, to publish—this is the destiny of a scientist!

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