

Message from the Editor-in-Chief



It is my great privilege and pleasure to present this inaugural issue of the Sri Lankan Journal of Allied Health Sciences (SLJAHS); the official publication of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. SLJAHS aims to offer a reputed scientific forum to disseminate high quality research findings in all areas in health sciences, facilitating the integration of research findings into clinical practice, healthcare delivery and policy-making. This newborn, open-access, peer-reviewed, bi-annual, e-journal strives to make a significant influence upon the field of health sciences publishing impactful research findings and expensive opinions in the form of original research articles, systematic reviews and meta-analysis, brief reports, case series/reports, clinical audits, study protocols, commentaries and editorials/letter to editor. Our ambitious goal is to serve the researchers, practitioners and experts with a robust platform to share their work, contribute to the advancement of health science, and engage in dialogue with their peers.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the readership of SLJAHS. We wish to encourage incessant contributions from the national and international scientific community to ensure a sustained success and advancement of the journal. We also welcome comments and suggestions that could improve the quality of this newborn journal.

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I consider it an honor to be the first Editor-in-Chief of the Sri Lankan Journal of Allied Health Sciences and, with my dedicated and motivated team look forward to making SLJAHS a prestigious and well-regarded journal in the field of health sciences. Finally, we invite all readers and fellow researchers to submit manuscripts to this journal.

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