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EDITOR'S NOTE

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I am pleased to introduce the next issue of the Journal of Current Clinical Care for your reading pleasure.

Drs. Jennifer Smitten and Joseph M. Lam offer a case study *A Scaly Periorbital Rash in a Preschool-Aged Boy*. A diagnosis of eczematous id reaction to molluscum contagiosum was made in a 4-year old boy who presented with an 8-month history of a pruritic scaly eruption around his right eye. While up to 40% of cases of molluscum contagiosum may have an associated eczematous dermatitis, these are often under-recognized or misdiagnosed.

In their article *Vertebral Metastatic Disease: A Practice Guideline for the General Practitioner*, **Drs. Michael S. Taccone, Markian Pahuta, Darren M. Roffey, and Eugene K. Wai**, describe vertebral metastatic disease that afflicts a significant proportion of cancer patients, most commonly those with breast and lung disease. Specific therapy for the vertebral metastatic disease can include pharmacologic therapy to deliver analgesia, steroids, bisphosphonate, anti-neoplastic or radiation therapy as either primary or adjuvant therapy and surgical intervention for mechanical or neurologic instability.

In his blog *Digoxin for the Control of Congestive Heart Failure Symptoms in Palliative Care*, **Dr. Michael Gordon**, from the Baycrest Centre of Geriatric Care in Toronto, examines the use of digoxin in long-term care where health care practitioners are often confronted with late-stage and terminal heart failure, it is worth considering digoxin as part of the palliative symptom management repertoire.

Drs. Pradeep Shenoy, Sohail Abdul Malik, and Pooja Chodankar, offer a case study on *Bipolar Electrofulgration with Endoscopic Approach in Allergic Turbinates*. Arrays of treatment modalities have been experimented with and have yielded a diversity of results. Here is a synopsis of the use of endoscopic bipolar cauterization of middle and inferior turbinates in cases of allergic rhinitis, a treatment which achieves superior results in comparison with other therapeutic options.

For our **Medical Narratives** section **Dr. Michael Gordon**, from the Baycrest Centre of Geriatric Care in Toronto, draws from his personal experiences and delights the reader with *Tales of Heartache and Woe*.

I hope you enjoy this latest edition. Please consider commenting or submitting an article of your own.