

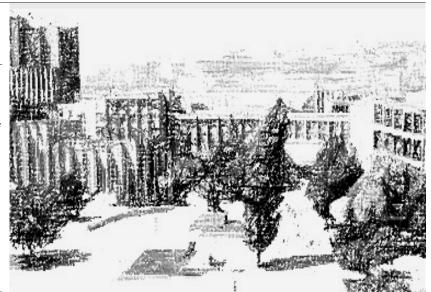
Acta Medica: To the leading edge... Toward being the best ...

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Hacettepe Medical Journal has published review and original articles and reflected changes and challenges in the medical field. Prof. Bülent Sivri, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Hacettepe University, privileged us to have the opportunity of Editorship. We will continue the fine tradition established by the former Editors, namely Professors İskender Sayek, Serhat Ünal, Uğur Özçelik and all other distinguished Editorial Board Members.

In this new role, our first aim was to assemble the Editorial Team. We are pleased that Professors Osman Abbasoğlu, Salih Emri, Nuhan Puralı, Alpaslan Kılıçarslan, Aydın Erden, Özlem Tekşam and Erdem Karabulut have agreed to serve as Associate Editors; Selçuk Tunalı and Yeşim Öztaş as Managing Editors. Additionally, we are very delighted to announce the addition of members of Editorial Board from each department in our Faculty. The journal benefits from their knowledge, enthusiasm and experience. We will enlarge our team with the contribution of distinguished scientists all over the world in the near future.

Acta Medica aims to keep the readers up-todate in popular medical issues, in preclinical and clinical medicine. In view of this aim, original research and review articles, case reports, letters and editorials will be published in the journal.

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