



Editorial

Welcome to the first volume of the Chronic Disease Journal (<http://cdjournal.muk.ac.ir>), a quarterly peer-reviewed scientific journal published by Kurdistan University of Medical Sciences. The journal contains manuscripts on the topic of subacute and chronic medical conditions and diseases.

The number of medical articles published in Iran has considerably increased during the past decade. The development of any health care system strongly depends on the production, publication, dissemination, and application of updated biomedical knowledge to prevent and treat diseases and improve health services. The most critical role of medical and health professionals is to provide those in need with adequate related knowledge. The quantity of published articles is a commonly used indicator of the scientific level of a country. It also determines a country's contribution to the world science and its status in international academic rankings.

We promise that the Chronic Disease Journal will be a medium for the release of timely and thoughtful information on control, planning, treatment, patient education, management guides, policymaking, and biopsychosocial-spiritual factors in the field of subacute and chronic diseases.

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We hope you find the Chronic Disease Journal informative. We welcome your comments at cdjournal@muk.ac.ir or my direct address (ghotbinahid@muk.ac.ir or ghotbinahid@yahoo.com)

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