

Editorial

The political events of the last few months in this country have seen significant changes. The media-branded “MODI-wave” has showcased our new Prime Minister as a man, not only FOR change, but someone who can affect it successfully. His leadership is inspiring and vision commendable. But what is immensely noteworthy is his constant insistence on doing everything ‘together’. His repeated rhetoric emphasizes the importance of citizen participation and ‘teamwork’. Even his handpicking of key individuals of stature into his cabinet or his empowering of the bureaucracy, all go to show his belief of effecting change together as a ‘Team’.

Teamwork, my friends is the way to go, what with each one having his own talent to contribute and this, collectively bringing about a superlative end product. Even in our field of Dentistry, it is only a team or a multidisciplinary approach that impresses the patient and offers superior solutions. Today in a day and age of evidence-based dentistry, it is only the contribution of individual minds, masters in their own respective areas of specialization that can offer treatment options that may be a ‘blind spot’ for someone else. If a clinician feels he can be a one-man-show and perform all aspects of treatment modalities himself, he is sounding the death knell.

Specialization is the buzz word today in our country and will only become more defined with time. Patients are becoming more aware of treatment options, thanks to the information overload available through the Internet. If we can offer our patients team-centric treatment plans that have been whetted by different specialists, patients become convinced and superior standards of quality care are delivered.

In many ways, we at the JCD Editorial Board too practice ‘specialization’. Our team, each a specialist in his own right brings a different talent to the table and a Journal of excellence in every issue is born. You will be glad to know that next year we are hoping and striving to have the JCD Pub Med indexed and efforts are on in this direction.

As we bid adieu to the year going by and as we welcome 2015, let us pledge to remain committed to this one principle of ‘Teamwork’. That it is not the ‘I’ but the ‘WE’ that counts and as the acronym of TEAM spells T-ogether E-veryone A-chieves M-ore.

Let us continue to remain inspired by our new political class and pledge also to remain integrated into the system and our PM’s dreams of making our country world class through his various initiatives. Yes my friends, TOGETHER we can and WE WILL!

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