

## Guest Editorial



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It is indeed a proud privilege to present the editorial for the special issue of the Bombay Hospital Journal on Colorectal Surgery scheduled to be released during the inaugural proceedings of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Congress of the ACRSI – ACRICON 2008 to be held at Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical Sciences.

Coloproctology like any other branch of modern medicine has also been put under the scanner of technological developments, resulting in booming of newer modalities of Treatment for many diseases related to it. Promising to make colorectal biopsy safer, comfortable, pain free with reduced recurrences though not cheaper definitely few of lesion have proved themselves beyond doubts but others need some more breathing space to establish themselves.

We all require to keep pace with these rapid developments, so as to serve our patients scientifically better. It is in this context that the two mega events in coloproctology i.e. ACRSICON 2008 and the publication of this Special issue of Bombay Hospital Journal were coincided so that the deliberations of the Congress are not limited to only the Surgeons participating in the Congress but to all members of Colorectal Association and also to purcolate and upgrade the large number of doctor subscribers of Bombay Hospital Journal. The articles invited are not only from renowned national faculties in colorectal surgery but also from the International participants so as to bring the global standards to our readers.

We believe, whenever modern medicine has been unable to provide satisfactory answers to a particular disease management there has been not only an upsurge in the no. of modalities and procedures to treat that particular disease in modern medicines but also encouraged quackery to tempt a confused patient. It is only through a constant churning of knowledge and sharing the nectar amongst all concerned, that the treatment we offer can either cure, comfort or console at least, rather than relegating our patients to suffer from the treatment itself.

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