



Editorial

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From the mid-17th century, illness has been pursued from “big picture” to molecular detail – cell to genome to phenome, molecular structure to expression and metabolic target. Driven by molecular mechanism of action and imaging, therapeutic interventions now compliment surgical resection through radiation, radio-pharmaceuticals, cytotoxics, biologicals, and targeted drugs.

Over the past 75 years cancer control outcomes have improved continuously, accompanied by an evidence-informed, disease-based literature. *Cancer Control*, however, is more about the burden of cancer as seen at all resource levels; about the deployment of medical and social sciences to address cancer as perceived by peoples of different culture, education, geography, social circumstances, equity, and philosophy – looking back up the through the microscope from the tissue and cell to the “eyes, thoughts and actions” of the beholder. *Cancer Control* is about interdisciplinarity, inter-professional and inter-sectoral care – about what is being done, and how and why it works (or not) – about adapting and adjusting healthcare and cancer control plans within a country context and sharing ways to address differences in health outcomes between the higher- and lesser-resourced worlds.

We are entering a new world order, a global pandemic followed by changing understandings related to foreign aid, multilateralism, global security, “social good”, and the pursuit of well-being. The CONSULT prompts re-thinking strategy, relationships, collaboration and partnerships within this new world order. The SURVEY invites perspectives from thought-leaders in diverse global regions, reflecting on the world “as it is now”, the impact of change, and new partnerships and business practices to achieve population health goals. Dr Anu Agrawal, former Vice-President Global Support, American Cancer Society presents a “situational intelligence and perspective” on current cancer control practice in the INTERVIEW.

At a Global health policy level, Katy Cooper and colleagues address Navigating uncertainty: NCDs in a new era of global health.

Better global patient-centred care insights are provided

in Beyond the dispensary, Part II: Listening to the voices of pharmacists working in resource-constrained settings by Ladha and colleagues, highlighting the skills and expertise of pharmacists as integral members of the inter-disciplinary healthcare team. Heykoop and colleagues draw attention to Revolutionizing a cancer care and support ecosystem in British Columbia unique to adolescents and young adults (AYAs), noting that cancer care systems often fail to meet unique life-stage needs, resulting in significant inequities in cancer care. Age-appropriate principles and practices are required to support and respond to the holistic needs of AYAs.

From the Asian region, Erdenekhuu Nansalma presents Cancer control in Mongolia: Air pollution and molecular insights into hepatocellular carcinoma. Whilst viral hepatitis remains a major etiological factor for one its most common cancers, molecular evidence suggests that environmental exposures, including air pollution, may play a significant role in carcinogenesis. Synthesizing epidemiological, environmental, and molecular evidence, recent genomic analyses of Mongolian HCC reveal distinct mutational signatures associated with environmental carcinogens, suggesting a broader environmental contribution to cancer risk beyond traditional factors.

In Achieving universal health coverage for palliative care: A case study of integration of palliative care into government primary healthcare from South-Central India, Gayatri Palat and colleagues report on a model of primary palliative care integrated into the government primary healthcare system for a large state population. Success involved partnerships between the local government health system, civil society, and tertiary health facilities; high quality staff training combined with ongoing clinical supervision; establishing referral pathways; and ensuring access to opioids and other essential medicines.

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