EDITORIAL: THE NEW NORMAL.

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When the editorial of the March 2020 issue 1 was done, COVID-19 was just rearing its head and Nigeria had diagnosed its first case on the 27th February 2020. In my literature search on 27th February 2020 prior to the March 2020 editorial, using the search terms "COVID-19" in the National Library of Medicine, (National Centre for Biotechnology Information) database, I retrieved only 36 articles. Using a similar search criteria on the 27th August 2020, I retrieved 17,779 articles; an exponential 500 fold increase in the intervening six months. This has heralded "a new norm", both in medical practice and education as espoused in the "viewpoint" of Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA)2 –aptly captioned "transformational effect".

In this issue, we have an invited guest editorial[3] on the management of diabetes in resource constrained settings contributed by NDMJ International Editorial Board member Prof Dagogo-Jack and his team from Memphis, Tennessee, United States of America. Prof Dagogo-Jack had been a past president of the American Diabetic Association and is in the cutting-edge of diabetic practice and research. He was recently conferred with the Doctor of Medicine by examination from the University of Ibadan Medical School in 2020.

The barriers to utilization of preconception care is explored by Dr Iloghalu and co-workers[4] from Enugu, Nigeria. Career progression and trajectory should be well informed by mapped pathways. Emeritus Professor Briggs reflects on his 50 years of practice as a road map for new fellows[5].

Duke and colleagues[6] examine the impact of community integrated management of childhood illnesses (IMCI) in the under-five children in Alimosho Local Government Area of Lagos, Nigeria. Non-tubal ectopic pregnancies is uncommon and Aliyu and colleagues[7] report the series identified in Zaria, Nigeria.

The Niger Delta region lost an erudite surgical oncologist Late Professor Rollings Jamabo on the 6th July 2020 and the Editorial Team has published his legacy[8].

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