

**EDITORIAL: TURNING THE CURVE**

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The announcement of the release of the Pfizer & BioNtec<sup>1</sup> (BNT162 (mRNA) Covid-19 vaccine for protection against the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), and its commencement in UK is indicative of the beginning of the turning curve in the Covid-19 pandemic.

In this issue, Hurn et al report the RESTONIA<sup>2</sup> audit outcome of HIV testing and diagnosis at Sultanah Aminah Hospital in Malaysia.

The risks and prevalence of diabetes mellitus in our rural catchment population, is explored by Kasia and colleagues<sup>3</sup>; a noteworthy impact of a tertiary healthcare centre to its catchment population.

The Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities<sup>4</sup> (Prohibition) Act, 2018, was signed into law on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018, after 9 years of relentless advocacy by disability rights groups and activists<sup>4</sup>. Ebuenyi makes a case for further refinement of the implementation of the bill<sup>5</sup>.

Parental knowledge, awareness and perception (KAP) of sickle-cell in a suburban practice in North Central Nigeria is reported by Afolabi *et al*<sup>6</sup>. Similarly parental KAP of infective endocarditis and oral health is explored by Okpokowuruk *et al*<sup>7</sup>.

Rare as it is, we must all remain aware of the unusual, particularly when they present atypically. We are given a diet of diffused-Caroli disease seen in Yenagoa<sup>8</sup>.

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their time in contributing to medical education. The Editorial Team wish our readers and contributors a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

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