

## Editors' Speak

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Despite the advances in technology and management protocols as well as our understanding of the disease, chronic suppurative otitis media (CSOM) continues to afflict the population. Even in today's era of antibiotics and medical care, we yet see patients with complications of CSOM in our tertiary care hospital. Many of the patients came from rural parts of the states and countries indicating that we have a long way to go before we see a decline in this trend.

This issue on CSOM includes a variety of articles dealing with basic procedures such as fat myringoplasty to advanced techniques. Also, interesting case reports are included which will help readers to distinguish affected from normal people.

Various other articles will help in improving the understanding about the use of advanced technologies, such as endoscope for the management of this condition. The use of cartilage as a graft material has also been discussed in this issue and their results will help others to carry forward this research.

This is but the first of several issues on CSOM, since it is impossible to cover all aspects of this topic in a single issue.



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