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It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural issue of the *Research Journal of General Practice (RJGP)*. The launch of this journal marks the beginning of an exciting journey dedicated to advancing high-quality research, promoting innovation, and strengthening evidence-based practice in general practice and primary care.

Primary care is the cornerstone of every effective healthcare system. General practitioners and family physicians provide comprehensive, continuous, coordinated, and person-centered care that addresses the health needs of individuals, families, and communities throughout the lifespan. As healthcare systems continue to evolve in response to demographic changes, increasing multimorbidity, technological innovation, and emerging global health challenges, the role of primary care has never been more important (Figure).

The mission of the *Research Journal of General Practice* is to provide an international, peer-reviewed platform for the dissemination of high-quality scientific research that contributes to the advancement of general practice and primary healthcare. We are committed to publishing rigorous, innovative, and clinically relevant research that improves patient care, informs health policy, and supports evidence-based decision-making.

RJGP welcomes contributions from researchers, clinicians, educators, healthcare professionals, nurses, and policymakers working across the broad spectrum of primary care. We encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and recognize that addressing today's healthcare challenges requires integrating clinical expertise with advances in public health, digital health, epidemiology, behavioral sciences, health services research, and medical education.

The scope of the journal encompasses a wide range of topics, including primary care epidemiology, disease prevention, early diagnosis, pharmacological

and non-pharmacological interventions, chronic disease management, multimorbidity, mental health, palliative care, patient-centered care, shared decision-making, quality improvement, patient safety, interprofessional collaboration, health systems research, digital health, artificial intelligence, machine learning, telemedicine, implementation science, and innovations in medical education and training. We also welcome quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods research that advances the science and practice of general practice.

In an era of rapid digital transformation, primary care is undergoing profound change. Emerging technologies—including electronic health records, telemedicine, artificial intelligence, machine learning, remote patient monitoring, and mobile health applications—are reshaping healthcare delivery and creating new opportunities to improve access, quality, efficiency, and patient engagement. At the same time, these developments present important challenges related to equity, ethics, data privacy, interoperability, and workforce preparedness. RJGP seeks to provide a forum for critical discussion and scientific evaluation of these evolving areas while maintaining a strong focus on the core values of primary care: continuity, accessibility, comprehensiveness, coordination, and compassion.

Our editorial philosophy is founded on scientific integrity, methodological rigor, transparency, and fairness. Every manuscript submitted to the journal undergoes an independent peer-review process designed to ensure the highest standards of academic quality and ethical publication practice. We are committed to supporting authors through constructive peer review and to fostering



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Conceptual illustration of comprehensive general practice, highlighting the integration of patient-centered care, preventive medicine, family health, global health, chronic disease management, and evidence-based primary care as the foundation of sustainable healthcare systems.

an inclusive environment that values diverse perspectives and international collaboration.

As an open forum for scientific exchange, RJGP aims to bridge the gap between research and clinical practice. We believe that research should not only generate new knowledge but also improve patient outcomes, strengthen healthcare systems, and address the priorities of clinicians, patients, and communities. We therefore encourage submissions that have clear clinical relevance, practical implications, and the potential to influence everyday practice.

The inaugural issue reflects our vision of embracing both traditional strengths and emerging opportunities within primary care. The contributions published in this issue highlight the diversity of contemporary primary care research and demonstrate the growing importance of innovation, digital technologies, multidisciplinary collaboration, and patient-centered approaches in addressing current and future healthcare needs.

We sincerely thank our Editorial Board members, reviewers, authors, and readers for their confidence

and support during the establishment of the *Research Journal of General Practice*. Their expertise, dedication, and commitment to scientific excellence have been instrumental in making this inaugural issue possible.

We warmly invite researchers from around the world to submit their work to RJGP and join us in building a vibrant international community dedicated to advancing primary care research. Together, we can generate knowledge that improves healthcare, informs policy, and ultimately enhances the health and well-being of populations worldwide.

We hope that you find this inaugural issue informative, inspiring, and valuable to your research and clinical practice. We look forward to your continued engagement as readers, authors, reviewers, and partners in the ongoing development of the *Research Journal of General Practice*.

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