



## Message from the President

Dear Friends,

It is with great pride that we present this issue of our journal PGLJ; entirely dedicated to COVID 19. I congratulate the Editorial board and all those who contributed to get this issue before you. There is more information being published every day and the final word on COVID has not been said. But this issue is about as up to-date as you can now get. Our efforts would be rewarded if you go through it, incorporate it into your practice and also give your comments and suggestions.

Best wishes  
Prof John Matthai  
President  
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## Message from the Secretary

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are struck with a pandemic due to the coronavirus – COVID 19 and looks like it might take several months to control or contain the disease. It has affected humanity in every possible angle - physically, mentally and financially. Though the disease severity is less in children, asymptomatic carrier rates are high which mandates the need for appropriate protective gears while consultation as suggested by our government. Impact of the pandemic necessitates changes in our practice structure to create a safe environment for both the patients and the health care workers. The endoscopy units and transplant units has to adopt strict infection control policies as both the procedures has been deemed to generate highly infective aerosols. Most of us have postponed elective work, but with no clear vision on end point of this pandemic we might need to resume work with safety guidelines provided by the government. The insight into the disease process is constantly changing so are the guidelines for infection control and treatment. Every practicing clinician should constantly keep vigil on these policies and protocols to ensure safe practice. As a Paediatric Gastro society we are committed towards spreading knowledge and awareness to fellow paediatricians and general public on COVID disease. As an ISPGHAN initiative we have published current update on “Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and the Gastrointestinal System in Children” in Indian Paediatrics. For the general public and children we have released short video on “Corona Virus 2019 – Facts for children”

Let us stay united and connected

Regards  
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