

Short Communication

How to Encourage Establishment of Tumor Boards

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Establishment of site specific Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Tumor Boards is an endeavor which is being performed in the developing countries by individual specialists on voluntary basis. In Low and Middle Income Countries (LMIC) it is still not a mandatory system regulated phenomenon. Unlike centrally regulated healthcare systems, in developing countries we are taking this imperative task as a professional challenge which we are enduring on voluntary basis. This medical journal's editorial board came up with this innovative idea of devoting a full page for academic work which is being performed for the education and implementation of multi-disciplinary culture in cancer care, notable the site specific tumor boards' establishment and functioning and peer reviewed clinical practices.

Tumor Boards Save Lives is a slogan initiated in Karachi and a learning resource book was published in 2019 in which bibliographical references were quoted representing contemporary literature on this theme [1]. Here we wish to quote a correspondence published In Clinical Oncology Journal of the Royal College of Radiologists, London, United Kingdom. In response to a published item in which some aspects of MDT meetings were questioned our team raised our difference of opinion on this published manuscript [2]. Abbasi *et al.* published their strong views regarding the role of these MDT Tumor Boards as life line of cancer patients in countries which are going through the phase of development of quality healthcare services [3].

We, the authors of this particular narration, strongly postulate the timely need of encouragement and appreciation of all those endeavors which are being directed towards the establishment of multi-disciplinary culture in countries where mandatory tumor boards are not performed. Sanctioning one dedicated page of this scientific journal is one of the steps which will surely acknowledge the academic work performed by enthusiastic researchers who are trying their best to bring this positive change in the management of cancer patients via tumor boards and peer reviewed clinical practices.

The editorial board of this scientific journal would like to invite original academic work on this theme and we would be happy to review and suggest changes in submitted manuscript

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which will be subjected to a neutral peer review process on merit before publication in this journal.

Modernization of cancer care in this day and age is moving very fast. We are witnessing an era in which even the innovative concepts of artificial intelligence are entering in our world of humane health care. Recommendations made in multidisciplinary tumor boards are being reviewed with a view of correlating it with findings based on artificial intelligence.

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