

From the Editor's desk

Editorial

I take great pleasure in presenting the 51st issue of Genetic Clinics. We have the honour of publishing in this issue, an invited editorial by Dr John Carey, former editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Medical Genetics*. Dr Carey has summarized his long experience of syndrome delineation, which reflects the historical perspective of diagnosis of genetic syndromes. This is very relevant for the current generation of geneticists who have seen the 'exome first' strategy. The changing but important role of the clinician in deep phenotyping and reverse phenotyping is also highlighted in the articles reviewed in the GenExpress in this issue.

The year 2020 has been very important for Indian patients with genetic disorders due to the landmark guidelines for health insurance. The

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) has now disallowed exclusion of genetic diseases or disorders with effect from October 1, 2020. We recollect the position statement on 'Equal rights to health insurance and employment: Prevention of discrimination based on genetic information' issued in November 2019 by the SIAMG, and are happy about the positive developments in this area.

Happy new year!



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