

From the Editor's Desk

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In this nonthemed issue, the editors are pleased to include a diverse and interesting selection of contributions. Following Letters to the Editor, we have our quarterly columns. Dr Indranill Basu Ray presents current research updates that may change clinical practice, followed by Dr David Taylor's bioethics discussion of treatment goal communications. This section concludes with Clinical Images, a radiographic presentation of an unusual pediatric problem.

Next, we present 6 original research papers. Several of these articles come from contributors outside the Ochsner system, which reflects the expanding scope of *The Ochsner Journal*.

The Reviews and Commentaries section starts with several articles related to the urinary system, followed by detailed reviews of topical health issues and finishing with articles focused on anesthesia and pain.

The final section includes several interesting case reports, followed by the Ochsner Research update by Dr Richard N. Re. We conclude with photos of the Ochsner 2014 Research Day winners and all of the 2014 Research Day presentation abstracts. The increasing number and quality of submitted and selected abstracts speak well of our academic progress.

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The Editorial Board thanks our reviewers and contributors for their efforts and hopes our readers continue to find their submissions useful and interesting.