Saudi Journal of Health Systems Research and Bridging the Gap

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I am delighted to welcome you to the *Saudi Journal of Health Systems Research*. The journal is the heritage of the General Department of Research and Studies in the Ministry of Health of Saudi Arabia. The journal's vision is to drive the evolution, development, and sustainability of the healthcare system in Saudi Arabia and its relation to the globe aligned with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030.

The journal publishes high-quality impactful articles, acting as a scientific and intellectual cornerstone for healthcare stakeholders, regulatory policy and decision makers, through the collaboration of public and private research institutes and governmental entities. We hope that the journal will be a true bridge between the scientific activities' arena and healthcare reality in Saudi Arabia. We will work hard to bring our published articles to the right stakeholders in Saudi Arabia to bridge the gap and promote researchers' efforts, aiming to participate in knowledge transfer within the healthcare sector in Saudi Arabia.

In fact, the journal is one of the manifestations of the accelerated and dedicated Ministry of Health's initiatives of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, introduced by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman, accentuating the importance of scientific research to fulfil the vision's

themes: vibrant society, thriving economy, and ambitious nation. The journal was incubated through a dedicated effort of a large team in the General Department of Research and Studies in the Ministry of Health which is led by the General Director Ms. Athari Alotabi.

The *Saudi Journal of Health Systems Research* is an open-access, double-blind, peer-reviewed journal. The journal will publish 4 issues per year. Articles will be made accessible online on the journal's homepage upon acceptance prior to being assigned to a dedicated issue.

The journal will engage in topics related to healthcare systems and reform, health governance, health transition, and its relation to Vision 2030, in addition to health policy, health privatization, health planning, healthcare quality, healthcare service delivery (demand, utilization, and production), healthcare workforce, healthcare leadership, digital health, healthcare informatics, healthcare economy and finance, technologies related to healthcare systems, and global health trends. Also, the journal is interested in multidisciplinary research related the journal's scope. Submissions can be made in the form of quantitative and qualitative research articles, guidelines, systematic reviews, meta-analysis, meeting reports, discussions, case studies and reports, and review articles.

The journal's main interest lies on topics related to Saudi Arabia's health issues; in addition, international submissions with an impact on Saudi Arabia's health system are also welcome. Science should not be viewed as an isolated island of disciplines but rather as integrated aspects of synchronized scientific and professional efforts to obtain delicate results and recommendations.

As Editor-in-Chief, I am honored to be a part of this journal's legacy with a dedicated editorial board, reviewers, and a support team, and I will strive to ensure a constructive, fair, and high standard peer review process. I am pleased to have onboarded brilliant names to the editorial team and reviewers who bring a combination of research and field work expertise in health care, and I am honored to continue to invite new members to fulfil the journal's vision and aims.

I am delighted to have Karger Publishers as our publisher with more than 100 years of experience in publishing. I believe that Karger will be an asset to the journal's success, and I hope that this is the beginning of a future hub that synchronizes efforts of multiple entities to flourish the healthcare system in Saudi Arabia.

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