

Editorial

Happy Holidays !

The year 2021 is slowly giving way to 2022... and with that comes the Holiday season.

Beyond the commercial aspects, this season is a chance to get together, to spend time with family and friends. The SARS-COV-2 virus has disrupted many milestones in our lives. The restrictions it has brought, have made us aware of the importance of social ties for adults and for children. We need relationships, attention and affection. In a modern world advocating independence and freedom, it becomes increasingly clear that family or the belonging to a small supportive group promotes happiness. The progresses we made in our fight against COVID, in particular through the vaccination, should give us some opportunities to celebrate – certainly in an appropriate manner- Christmas and New Year. Some of us may be on duty during these days and may have to postpone their dinners or parties. We have a special thought for them. For each of us, and also for all the children we care, we wish to be able to stop for a little while, to leave behind worries and difficulties, to feel surrounded by our loved ones and to be simply together with our families and friends.

This sense of community that we experience in our families is also essential to face the challenges of 2022 and the coming years. Because men and women have been able to collaborate, to pool their strengths, to unite around projects and values, they have been able to build civilizations, to develop and transmit knowledge, to improve living conditions and health. Humans have become leaders of earth and today, we need the same virtues to give a better world for the future generations. In our families, in our work, in our hospital structures, our professional or scientific associations, we observe that trust is essential for living together. Trust based on information and communication, on listening to others, on competence and commitment. Trust in facts, trust in science and experts, trust in decision-makers and in the directions taken. The events of the last few months have shown us that trust is a dynamic action, a cement that needs to be maintained. Let's be aware of this, let's dare to give our trust and be worthy of the trust we receive!

We are confident that you will enjoy this new issue of BJP. It contains several original articles. N. Rodriguez Mier and colleagues compare the clinical evolution and disease burden of children with cystic fibrosis depending on the mode of diagnosis. The impact of the COVID pandemia on early childhood preventive cares (by K. Kastrissianakis and the Collège des conseillers pédiatriques de l'ONE) and on the parent-child bonding process (by A. Van Loo and MR Van Hoestenbergh) is also analyzed. M. Geurickx and colleagues described a case series of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children after SARS-COV-2 infection.

In collaboration with experts, pediatricians in training have also studied and reviewed diagnostic and therapeutic aspects in several disease or conditions: the neuroprotective strategies of neonatal encephalopathy in particular in low-resource countries, the Meckel diverticulum, the differential diagnosis of palmar, plantar and palmoplantar erythema in children, the interest of pulse oximetry to screen for critical congenital cardiopathy in neonates, the current practices and trends on vitamin K prophylaxis in term neonates and, a milk ladder to support progressive reintroduction in children with milk allergy. This inspires Sege Ernst, our cartoonist, for the cover illustration...

Many clinical cases are also published: two cases of neonatal dyshemoglobinemia, a rare cause of congenital enteropathy, a case of severe iron deficiency due to cow's milk consumption, a fatal complication of umbilical venous catheterization, a flexor tenosynovitis after penetrating trauma, a distal intestinal obstruction syndrome in a child with cystic fibrosis, two cases of subgaleal haemorrhage associated with vacuum-assisted deliveries, a pneumococcal endocarditis in a child with Marfan syndrome, a pituitary stalk interruption syndrome and an acute case of asphyxial asthma.

Our "Made in Belgium" section summarizes the PhD thesis of Jaques van Heerden from UZAntwerp. He studied the management and outcomes of neuroblastoma in South African children.

The paediatric Cochrane Corner section explores the transient tachypnea of the newborn with a specific question: "Are restricted fluid therapy or treatment with salbutamol effective and safe to treat this condition ? "

Once again, on behalf of the entire editorial board, we wish you much reading pleasure and joyful holiday season and a happy New Year !

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