

Dean's Message

This collection of articles and case reports from the Kingston Paediatric and Perinatal HIV/AIDS Programme (KPAIDS) is a testament to the excellent work being done by clinicians and researchers to curb the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Jamaica and the Caribbean. Through their efforts, there has been a decline in the number of paediatric HIV/AIDS cases in Jamaica. A variety of interventions has resulted in a reduction in the number of mother-to-child transmission of the disease. The articles presented here do not only document the results of many of the interventions but also the clinical manifestations of the disease in the paediatric age group.

I congratulate the West Indian Medical Journal for publishing this issue and the many contributing co-authors for their excellent work. We are thankful to the editors, especially our international guest editors, Professors Sten Vermund and Paul Krogstad, as well as the many international guest reviewers for their expertise and timely reviews and edits. We again applaud the excellent collaboration that has been forged between The University of the West Indies and The National AIDS Programme of the Ministry of Health, Jamaica.

The Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, is proud to be associated with this excellent work and thank the many sponsors and funding agencies for their support. This issue of the West Indian Medical Journal adds important information to the world literature and documents interventions which can be duplicated elsewhere to the benefit of HIV-infected populations especially in developing nations.

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