

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

The Editorial Board of The West Indian Medical Journal wishes to congratulate the School of Clinical Medicine and Research, The Bahamas, on the 10th Anniversary of its Research Conference.

Research is a valuable asset in an academic institution and forms part of training and teaching. The various areas of research over the 10 years have not only done this but have helped to inform policy in The Bahamas, strengthen health structures and enhance patient care.

The importance of primary healthcare strengthening in a nation's healthcare system and a more community approach to deal with the epidemic of chronic non-communicable disease is well emphasised. Quality assurance of

health systems and quality of life of patients must be part of the research agenda and are well represented over the 10 years. May the school have a successful 10th Anniversary conference.

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