

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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The Editorial Board of the *West Indian Medical Journal* congratulates the School of Clinical Medicine and Research, The University of the West Indies, The Bahamas, for this eleventh Annual Research Day. There is a focus this year on obesity, a global public health issue and a major risk factor for chronic non-communicable diseases. There will be presentations on adult and paediatric obesity and a wealth of knowledge which could be incorporated into guidelines and policies to curb obesity.

The conference also has a writers' workshop, and this is an invaluable part of any academic department that is seriously interested in research and publications. Abstracts must be converted to full papers that would stand the rigour of peer review. In the words of the School's Director, publish we shall.

As the School enters its second decade of Annual Research Days, we wish them a fruitful conference and look forward to another decade of invaluable clinical research.

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