

## Editorial

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the inaugural issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology, the official periodical of the Egyptian Society of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology (ESPAI).

The associate editors and myself have made every possible effort to put together several diverse topics that could be of interest to those preoccupied in this fine specialty of pediatrics. We are blessed to have many enthusiastic members on our editorial board and to have distinguished international guest editors who are willing to actively participate in the production of the journal, Allen Kaplan, the editor-in-chief of Allergy Clinical Immunology International, Jean Bousquet, the editor-in-chief of Allergy and Alan Gruskin, the chairman of the International Association of Pediatric Chairs.

In this issue, the review article describes the atopic eczema dermatitis syndrome in terms of pathogenesis, clinical presentations and management. The original papers were carefully selected amongst many exquisite manuscripts that were submitted for publication in this first issue in concordance with our objectives and standards. The authors were very cooperative indeed and I hope you would find their research efforts rather rewarding.

The journal also presents some topics that could be useful to our colleagues and students such as the CME corner that addresses, in this issue, the inflammatory background of asthma. A glossary of nomenclature was added as well as twenty MCQs in childhood asthma for self-evaluation; their answers are available in the same issue. You will also find a calendar of some important international events in the specialty. Please feel free to detach the sheet of patient education material that was prepared in Arabic language and you may reproduce photocopies as much as you want for your patients or friends.

I hope you enjoy reading this first and every forthcoming issue of the Egyptian Journal of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology.



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