

## FOREWORD

## Associate Editor Foreword for *iGIE* “International Case Reports” Section

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In this volume of *iGIE* we introduce the "International Case Reports" section, which aims to highlight interesting clinical findings and innovative solutions that arise in resource-limited settings. Featured cases may include disease processes that are not commonly seen in tertiary care centers of the Western world and remind the discerning clinician to maintain a broad differential. Additionally, cases may describe novel, thought-provoking solutions that arise when the spirit of ingenuity operates in an environment of restricted means.

Elayat et al<sup>1</sup> present a case series of using the Ambu disposable bronchoscope (Ambu, Copenhagen, Denmark) as a more economical alternative to a transnasal (ultrathin) gastroscope for difficult nasogastric tube placement in critically ill patients. Rathi et al<sup>2</sup> describe the use of a snare and spray coagulation mode on an Erbe electrosurgical unit (Erbe, Tübingen, Germany) for treatment of gastric vascular ectasia when argon plasma coagulation unavai-

lable. These reports underscore the proverb “Necessity is the mother of invention.”

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