

## Foreword from the Editor-in-Chief

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This edition of the JNDs comes to you with yet more uncertainty about the future of the National Health Service in the United Kingdom. The pay awards for doctors in training and also consultants remain unresolved and we have seen the Consultants strike for the first time in my 37 years working in the NHS. With a record number of people waiting for surgery in the UK and the autumn fast approaching it seems that healthcare in the UK is heading for a winter crisis, again!

In this issue of the journal we profile Professor Meghana Pandit who transitioned from surgeon to Chief Medical Officer to CEO of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust. We have a great mix of case reports on a variety of topics as well as an editorial on Global Surgery as an introduction to articles from colleagues from around the world to come in future issues of the journal.

Most importantly in this issue we feature the Obituary of Prof Sir Peter J Morris who sadly passed earlier this year written by David Cranston. Sir Peter was the third Nuffield Professor of Surgery in Oxford and set up the Oxford transplant centre and established Oxford Surgery as an International centre for the training of Surgeon Scientists. I was fortunate in being appointed to a Clinical Lectureship in vascular and transplant surgery by him in 1998 and was the last academic consultant appointment he made in April 2001 before he retired to become the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He informed a very significant part of my clinical practice and allowed me freedom to develop surgical education in the medical school in Oxford. He was an amazing mentor and inspired many generations of surgeons and scientists. This issue is dedicated to him and he is much missed.