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I am pleased to present to our Chinese and international readers this issue of *Family Medicine and Community Health (FMCH)* entitled “Evidence-Based Approaches to Population Health and Family Practice.” This issue has been coordinated in collaboration with the Baylor College of Medicine Department of Family and Community Medicine in Houston, Texas, USA. Our department’s mission is to enhance population health and advance the primary care discipline.

This *FMCH* journal issue explores our shared interest in the timely communication of medical knowledge and skills. With that in mind, we focused on three thematic areas: original research, evidence-based reviews, and education. The articles cover issues regarding immunizations; firearm injuries; diabetes management; heart failure; emerging care models; and student, resident, and patient education.

Although major authorship of the articles presented is from the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Baylor, we elected to add one manuscript originating in China. This manuscript, which compares traditional Chinese medicine to Western medicine, has sparked our interest. Our future focus will be to encourage similar concepts of joint research, as well as international research, and research conducted in China.

We welcome your feedback; only your responses will help us cater to your interests and become more relevant.

Sincerely,

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