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Family Medicine and Community Health (FMCH) has made significant stride the past year in the pursuit of its vision to be a leading international journal that promotes ‘Heath for All’ through disseminating novel knowledge and best practices in family medicine, community and population health. While continuing its focus on publishing original research, FMCH will prioritise publications in the following nine thematic areas in 2020:

1. Global population health and primary care
2. Patient-oriented outcomes research.
3. Social determinants of health and health inequity.
4. Primary care and community integration.
5. Digital technology and artificial intelligence in primary care.
6. Shared-decision making in primary care.
7. Multilevel and mixed-method research.
8. Quality improvement and value-based, patient-centred primary care.
9. Healthcare transformation and practice redesign.

The papers appeared in the current issue to large extent reflect these publishing priorities of FMCH. In particular, the survey conducted by Dr Divyanshi Jalan and colleagues in Canada suggests strong nationwide interest in global health training among family medicine residency programmes. The commentary by Dr Masahiro Morikawa provides fresh

insight of the challenges and opportunities in developing family medicine and primary care workforce in China. The report led by Dr Qian Liu takes a deep diving into the research capacity among community health centres throughout China. Using a novel geospatial mapping methodology, Dr Peter Mallow and colleagues have identified cold-spots and hot-spots at the county level throughout the USA with regard to diabetes management and medical spending, informing targeted interventions. Finally, the communication by Dr Arch Manious III and colleagues again reminds the readers of the vital importance of preventive and value-based care for diabetes from the lens of population health.

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