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Editorial

Dear Colleagues,

When I reviewed the studies we prepared for publication to write “from the editor” article of this issue which is being published following summer months and the religious festival, I encountered a situation which would make both us, as the editorial board and you, as readers very happy. Four of eight research studies published in this issue are related with children’s health. We are pediatricians. In fact, our primary area of expertise is “children’s health”. What do we do for children’s health? Are the actions we take sufficient? What should be done? Four good studies performed as a response to these questions are included in this issue. One of these is “Evaluation of some physical hazards which may affect health in primary schools”. In 31 elementary schools, temperature, brightness, noise and electromagnetic field measurements were performed; the necessity of performing “school health program” directed to improve negative environmental factors was emphasized. In the study entitled ‘Knowledge levels of pre-school teachers related with basic first-aid practices, Isparta sample’ the knowledge levels of 110 pre-school teachers 97.3% of whom were university graduates related with basic first-aid practices were found to be considerably low. Education related with basic first-aid practices is most frequently given by the media and in the second place by driving courses. In the study, it was emphasized that subjects related with basic first-aid practices should be included more intensively in prevocational training in institutions which raise pre-school teachers and should be supported by in-service training after graduation. In the study entitled ‘Long-term outcomes of the shaken baby syndrome prevention program: Turkey’s experience’, the mothers who received shaken baby syndrome prevention training during pregnancy and in the first seven days after delivery and the mothers who did not receive such a training were compared and the importance of this training was emphasized. The study entitled ‘Nutritional style of parents and examination of the effective factors’ sets light to the factors arising from parents in nutrition of children. These valuable studies have led to new questions in our minds and in the minds of investigators and to appearance of new areas of investigation. We thank warmly to our friends who contributed to these studies and who enlightened us in these areas.

We wish to healthily raise our children who are our future and protect them from preventable diseases and accidents etc..

Take care of yourself

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