Introduction: Medicine

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Articles comprised within this, the largest section of the Independent Student Journal show fantastic awareness of current and evolving medical practices, technologies, and clinical cultures which define the modern age of medicine. Although numerous manuscripts were submitted and received only a select number have been published here for your consideration. As Section Editor, I would like to thank all authors for their valuable contributions and would like to extend additional thanks to Rohan and Jaspal for their indispensable assistance in curating this dynamic section.

On display within this First Edition is a broad array of articles composed by students from across the United Kingdom and from further afield. Great advancements in medical technology, specifically within the field of quantitative MRI, alongside a fascinating article about GI imaging and swallowable cameras. Contemporary clinic culture is challenged to bring about new methods of clinical consultations with a view to improving diagnosis and treatment. Additional articles focus on new and exciting methods of cancer detection, treatment for degenerative disorders, and for the improvement children’s lives when suffering from debilitating blood disorders.

Whilst it is an immense pleasure to present the following articles it is a greater privilege to work in a field that directly seeks to reduce pain, suffering, and to improve the human condition. In recalling a fundamental principle of the medical profession, our scholarship is to serve the needs and improve the condition of our patients to whom, in their moment of need and vulnerability, consider us to be immeasurably invaluable. It is only fair that we continue to reciprocate.

In echoing earlier words, I would like to thank all who have contributed to this section and would like to particularly thank our Editor-In-Chief, Murdoch Thomson, for successfully bringing this nascent idea to print.