

Editorial Message

In this world of vain and destruction man struggles to survive. This will remain in the memory of the survivors that will remember their loved ones who suffered the deadly Corona disease, it spread so rapid from east to west of the globe without a kind mercy. This not only redeemed mankind, but also halted world economy. As medical personnel we were at the front lines of this invasion. Not only treating ill patients and preventing spread of disease, but we had to overlook other medical problems. We were not prepared to combat this discrete war due to lack of equipment and medical supplies.

It is not only our country that is at risk but the whole world is invaded by this aggressive enemy no difference in nationality or social status. In our country, in spite of limited facilities, the ministry of health supported by other national organizations ie army and security forces adopted early strategy of human isolation, social distancing, and confinement. This policy helped the rest of the world to limit dissemination of disease. The world also suffers the lack of ventilator machines which help to maintain the lives of patients and we were a part of this dilemma. Isolation of people was the only policy that the world chose to halt spread of disease, but this was difficult to implement in Iraq because of religious beliefs and social intentions. The government hired hotels and residents to implement this policy. This was confronted by social beliefs and the stigma of the disease. Families rejected quarantine policy and stayed embracing their loved ones which helps spread of disease in our community. Plenty of medications were suggested to stop the disease or treat patients but only recently the FDA approved Hydroxychloroquine plus azithromycin for prophylaxis and treatment. Serum of infected people was used for ill patients to combat viral activity by the donor antibodies. The medical city stood out to be the leading institute in the management of ill patients. It has established a concentration center Al Shafaa Hospital north of the canal. We must extend our gratitude to the doctors and medical personnel specially our devoted nurses for their noble work and their sacrifice in the treatment of patients at their medical centers. Their elaborate stance is much appreciated and should not be ignored by people. The next few weeks will be the emblem of survival or drowning the country. Unfortunately, it will take a year to provide an effective vaccine during which mankind will continue to diminish. We thus urge the people to abide by regulations of the ministry of health to overcome this crisis and arrive at safe shores.