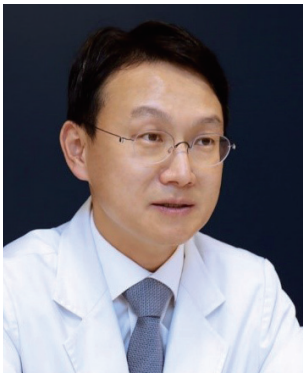




Leading the future of internal medicine: a message from the new editor-in-chief

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Dear colleagues, members of the Korean Association of Internal Medicine, and global researchers,

It is a profound honor and privilege to introduce myself as the new Editor-in-Chief of the *Korean Journal of Internal Medicine* (KJIM). At the outset, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Dr. Hyoung Chul Oh (the former Editor-in-Chief) and the editorial board members. Their unwavering dedication and leadership have been instrumental in establishing KJIM as a highly respected international journal in the field of internal medicine.

As we open this new chapter, I am committed to preserving the academic excellence of KJIM while proactively embracing the changes required for a new era of medical science. To further enhance our journal's global impact and clinical relevance, I am pleased to introduce the 'BEE-UP' initiative—a strategic roadmap that will guide our focus for the coming years:

- **Bridging Clinical Practice and Health Policy:** We will provide a vital platform for evidence-based discussions on healthcare systems and medical ethics, ensuring our research directly informs and improves public health outcomes.
- **Embracing Emerging Trends:** KJIM will prioritize cutting-edge research, including precision medicine, digital healthcare, and innovative clinical trials that bridge the gap between laboratory bench and patient bedside.
- **Enhancing Editorial Efficiency:** We are dedicated to streamlining our submission and review processes to provide authors with faster, more constructive, and transparent feedback.
- **Upholding Academic Integrity:** We will maintain the highest standards of rigorous peer review to ensure that we publish only the most credible and impactful clinical and basic research.
- **Promoting Global Reach:** By actively seeking diverse international contributions and collaborations, we will expand KJIM's visibility and foster a global dialogue on internal medicine.

Through these five pillars, we will not only preserve the prestigious legacy of the Korean Journal of Internal Medicine but also propel it toward a more influential and innovative future.

The success of KJIM depends entirely on the active engagement and passion of our authors, reviewers, and readers. I cordially invite you to contribute your finest work and join us in our mission to improve human health through the advancement of internal medicine.

I look forward to working together with all of you to elevate the *Korean Journal of Internal Medicine* to new heights of excellence.

Sincerely,