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The importance of publication media in the dissemination of knowledge can not be overemphasized. The editorial board of PJCTS deserves praise on the publication of the third volume of this journal within a short period of time. It is the only journal of the Pakistan Society of Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgeons.

In recent months children were being sent to a neighboring country for cardiac surgery. This was over dramatized by the media. Due to this the general impression was created that in our country no pediatric cardiac surgery is performed. Of course, except a few complex procedures, pediatric surgery is regularly performed in major cities of this country. We need public awareness programmes to change this concept.

New trends are being set in cardiac surgery like beating heart Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting which is successfully performed at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Disease. This is a cost effective procedure and in selected patients can be safely done. This practice should be further encouraged. However, over enthusiasm in adopting any new procedure at the cost of the patients health should be vigorously discouraged. Like in other walks of life a healthy balance needs to be maintained so that we can provide our patients with the best possible outcome.

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