

# Editorial

## Taking Inventory of Cardiology Related Research In Pakistan

*This writer had the opportunity recently to review most of the Cardiology related data that has been published in Pakistan. It was surprising to find isolated pieces of works of excellence that are not well known and never quoted. However, much of what is available represents fragmented data lacking in scientific design and therefore open to criticism and unreliable.*

*Is all that has been done a wasted effort? I think not! It is possible to retrieve most of the data and combine it with other data and try to work out some useful information. It will however take a specially trained epidemiologist to effectively do this sorting. With the W.H.O. showing greater interest in Cardiovascular Epidemiology lately, it would be an opportune time to push ahead with this proposal. The forthcoming W.H.O. workshop on Epidemiology and Community-based Control of Cardiovascular Diseases in Karachi in March 1983 would be a good forum to address this subject.*

*Constant self criticism and peer review are going to be the only way we shall ever be able to achieve an objective and scientific approach to our problems. Petty considerations should not be allowed to keep us from achieving this end.*

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