

**Editorial****The Medical 'Evenings'**

*Only a few years ago my main complaint was the great dearth of medical publications and indigenously generated medical data. I cannot make that complaint now. It seems that I do not even have time to read through the various small booklets and throw-away medical 'newspapers' that clutter my desk every week without end. But was that one's complaint when there were so few publications and is everyone satisfied with the situation now?*

*What does one mean when one talks of medical literature ? It is well planned and sincerely carried out original work aimed at solving, in a scientific manner, the medical problems and questions confronting us , or, is it the publication of double-meaning juicy pieces of gossips and half truths meant to make your opposite camp look bad or meant to help popularize the throw-away medical newspapers ? And who is footing the bill for these free publications distributed in thousands? The poor patients of course ! How come ? Well, every one of them is sustained by advertisements from the drug companies who get their profits from you know who !*

*A shameful situation is it not for a country with only one Journal listed by the international Index Medicus and only three Journals recognized by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council.*

*Speak up doctor Sahib ! How do you feel ?*

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