



Thalassemia Syndromes in Developing Countries: Has Anything Changed?

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

With improving blood transfusion services and provision of adequate chelation in well-supervised settings, the outlook of survival of patients with thalassaemia has significantly improved in Mediterranean countries and other resource-rich settings. Newer medications to raise haemoglobin are being trialled and now gradually used in these centres with some efficacy. But have these positive trends transcended to those cities and countries that have the bulk of thalassaemia patients in the world? Almost half a century after the widespread use of desferrioxamine began, has it reached to the patients who most need it? MRI is the most widely used technique for organ-based iron measurements—how widely used are such tools in the most vulnerable of populations? Has the quality of life in patients with thalassaemia syndromes improved in the developing world?

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