

FOREWORD MESSAGE

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I am excited to launch the 2024 edition of MMSA's Minima Medica Journal! Since the start, Minima Medica has served as a platform for medical students, providing them with the opportunity to contribute to a peer-reviewed journal and take their first steps into the world of research.

This year's edition features five articles, each diving into different medical topics. Under the supervision of academics from the University of Malta and specialised Medical Doctors, the credibility of MMSA's Minima Medica Journal is reinforced, ensuring our publication remains of the highest standard possible.

I would like to thank Dylan Farrugia, the SCOME Publications Coordinator, whose dedication and coordination have been essential in bringing this year's edition to life. Dylan has managed every aspect of the process, from releasing article preparations to liaising with the peer reviewers and organising the MMSA research conference.

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Finally, I would like to thank the authors for their dedication and contributions. Their efforts in writing and submitting these articles have helped this publication grow. I also extend gratitude to the academics and doctors who have generously volunteered their time to review the submissions ensuring our journal is of the highest quality possible.

To every reader, whether a student, academic, or enthusiast, I invite you to immerse yourself in the contents of this journal. May it serve as a source of inspiration, offering insights into the wonders of the medical field.

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