

Who will bell the cat?

Sir,
We read the editorial titled “Cat on a hot tin roof...” with interest.^[1] This emotion filled article highlights the situation faced by many clinicians treating especially cancer patients.

According to the story, in our great epic Mahabharata, when the Yaksha asked the eldest Pandava, Yudhisthira “what is the most surprising event on earth?” Yudhisthira had supposed to answer that though every human being knows that death is inevitable still no one is ready to accept that eventually one will meet death.

It is distressing to see any person succumb to his/her illness. We firmly believe that the clinicians should be compassionate and sympathetic.^[2,3] As stated in the article indeed there is a great need for counseling and palliative care.

We are of the opinion that even with their demanding work schedule the clinicians should take the best possible care of their patients. Another thing is that we should have a healthy respect for the alternative medicine.

May be in days to come we shall be equipped with more armament to fight this deadly ailment. Until then, we must

work with hope in our hearts with the belief that sometimes miracles may happen.

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