

Editorial: Rampant Quackery

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Quackery is an unscientific, unproven and un-established method of treatment and patient management. It may or may not have ulterior motives! If there are ulterior motives then it also constitutes a fraud! Apart from money loss, quackery may have serious health consequences including delay in institution of appropriate optimal patient management allowing relentless progress of disease, transforming a potentially curable ailment into an incurable one and complications attributable to effects of quack medicine and at times even sudden death! It's not uncommon to see people losing their precious kidneys and dying due to some 'Hakeemi', homeopathic prescriptions and excessive use of pain killers. In one incidence lead was found in the powder given by a hakeem to a patient.