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Dear Ashish,

It is with great pride and admiration that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and the entire editorial team on the launch of the *Journal of Indian Physician Associates (JIPA)*. This inaugural issue represents a landmark achievement for the Indian PA community and a bold step forward in advancing the profession through academic scholarship and clinical excellence.

The creation of a dedicated scientific medical journal is a testament to the vision, commitment, and growing influence of Physician Associates in India. JIPA will serve as a vital platform for disseminating research, sharing clinical insights, and fostering professional dialogue for PA education and practice across the country.

This milestone also reflects the deepening collaboration between the Indian Association of Physician Associates (IAPA) and the International Academy of Physician Associate Educators (IAPAE). The 14th Annual IAPAE Conference, held in Gandhinagar, India, was a powerful demonstration of this partnership, with IAPA board members actively participating and contributing to the global discourse on PA education. It was during this conference that IAPAE proudly supported the establishment of the India PA Academic Forum, an initiative that will further empower Indian PAs to engage in academic leadership and scholarly activity.

Your leadership in launching JIPA, alongside the collective efforts of the editorial board and the broader IAPA community, is truly commendable. IAPAE remains committed to supporting this journey and celebrating the achievements of our colleagues in India.

On behalf of IAPAE, I offer my warmest congratulations and continued support. May JIPA inspire innovation, elevate standards, and amplify the voice of the PA profession, both within India and on the global stage.

With sincere appreciation and best wishes,

Scott Smalley, PA-C

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