EDITORIAL

While chickengunya epidemic was causing agony in kirachite population back in 2016 and 2017 much of the Lahore based doctors seemed unaware about the disease, its cause, diagnosis and treatment as revealed in an article published in PPMJ which explored knowledge of doctors working in tertiary care hospitals. Though chickengunya is considered as remerging infectious disease yet lack of knowledge in doctors while a major city was undergoing epidemic is worrisome and alarming and cannot be ignored.

What can be done to tackle this situation? Answer is to adopt multiprong strategy that should affect curriculum at undergraduate level bringing focus to diseases with importance at national and regional level and continuing medical education for registered doctors in the form of seminars which should impart updated knowledge on diseases rampant locally.

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