

# Editorial Statement: The Last Issue of Vajira Medical Journal: Journal of Urban Medicine

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With this issue, we mark the final publication under the name *Vajira Medical Journal: Journal of Urban Medicine*. Since its inception in 1957, the journal has served as a trusted platform for disseminating high-quality research, including basic sciences, clinical insights, and medical innovations from the Vajira Hospital community and beyond in Thailand. Over the years, it has grown significantly in the number of high-quality submissions, the diversity of contributing authors, the volume of citations, and the breadth of its readership. This progress has been recognized by its recent inclusion in Tier 1 of the Thai-Journal Citation Index (TCI), as officially announced by the TCI Center on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

We are proud to announce that, beginning with our next issue, the journal will be relaunched under the new title *Journal of Medicine and Urban Health*. This change signifies far more than a new name—it marks a comprehensive transformation in our identity, vision, and global engagement. To support this transition, we have welcomed a distinguished group of national and international editorial board members who bring diverse expertise and a strong commitment to academic excellence. Our goal is to establish a leading international platform for research that addresses medical and public health challenges, with a particular focus on urban populations around the world.

We are also pleased to share that the journal's next major goal is to be indexed in Scopus or another internationally recognized database—an important step in expanding our global reach and impact. As we move forward under our new name, we remain firmly committed to publishing high-quality, peer-reviewed content that integrates clinical research (including basic science), medical innovation, public health, and health policy—particularly within the context of urban health.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our contributors, reviewers, and readers for your continued support. This transition is not an end, but the beginning of an exciting new chapter.

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