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Editorial

Our first edition of the UIA in 2026 is one on Health Emergencies. As we all know, anaesthesiologists are superbly trained and equipped to be actively involved at the heart of many health emergencies, particularly those involving mass casualties of various natural and man-made types. In my country we have a phenomenal organisation, the Gift of the Givers, and I recall one of my junior consultants requesting to join the rescue team going to a country in Asia to assist with earthquake victims. On his return, he had amazing stories to share. In addition he was a changed person after participating in this exciting and humbling experience.

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I sincerely hope that you, our readers enjoy this edition, and learn a little about the trials, tribulations and successes in the various Health Emergency scenarios that we may inadvertently find ourselves in. In addition, it behoves us to improve our inter-collegial communication skills, so that these are "second nature" during these crisis interventions.

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