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There is an evolving tendency to slavishly depend on laboratory reports and the expanding repertoire of imaging modalities. There are situations when clinicians at different levels, not following basic tenets of clinical medicine – the elucidation of symptoms and elicitation of clinical signs and their meaningful analysis. Ariyananda in his review surveys the place of the art of history taking and physical examination in “modern medicine.” Can the tools of modernity replace the basic history taking and physical examination? We need to recognise the value of effective communication, empathy and the “human touch” as vital attributes of the art of medicine.

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Functional abdominal pain disorders form a key area in paediatric practice. Karunanayake focuses on this problem in his paper based on the Galle Medical Association Oration delivered in 2018.

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