

COVID-19: the new great imitator?

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“He who knows syphilis knows medicine.”

William Osler

Perhaps this is one of the most frequently cited quotes in medicine. Syphilis, with its complex pathophysiology and wide range of clinical manifestations, was correctly named as “the great imitator”. The disease delivered a great impact on human history.

Fast forward to the present day, after humans have seemingly managed to keep most things under control, a tiny virus is changing history once more. Indeed, the world after the COVID-19 pandemic would not be the same as the world we had before. The “new normal” does not look “normal” at all; COVID-19 has profoundly changed every aspect of our lives and we are just at the beginning of these changes.

In a historical period of time that “hope” seems

to be less available than ever, we have no choice other than to become stronger. What makes us stronger is wisdom, which partly comes from knowledge. In this special issue of the Iranian Journal of Dermatology, we aimed to update our knowledge about the COVID-19 infection through a variety of articles written by outstanding authors.

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