

Letter from the Editors-in-Chief

Dear *UPOJ* Readers:

As you know, *UPOJ* is a fully resident run annual publication whose goal is to provide high quality peer-reviewed articles. It is now in its third year of the new edition. Since its re-organization with volume 10, the *Journal* has made incremental improvements. That first edition contained a series of review articles from the University of Pennsylvania faculty that compared in quality with other peer-reviewed orthopaedic journals. The content of volume 11 reflected the multidisciplinary approach to the diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal disorders. The topics ranged from trauma to chronic pain to radiographic imaging. We are delighted to announce that several articles from that issue will be printed (with permission) in other publications. The editorial by Born et al, "Orthopaedic Trauma Education: Visions for the Future Through the OTA," will be published in the *Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma*. Dr. Flynn's article, "Current Treatment Options for Pediatric Femur Fracture," is being used by EBI as continuing educational material.

We believe that volume 12 has continued on the road of improvement. In this volume, there are an increased number of articles and editorials. There is a new feature on health policy/economics with articles by Bernstein and Shulkin. In addition, a write-up on the Philadelphia Orthopaedic Society's Gill Lecture, which is sponsored by the Department, is included. This year's "current controversy" is the issue of

retaining versus sacrificing the PCL in a total knee arthroplasty by Lotke, Nelson, and Lonner.

Great strides have been made during the past year with the production of the *Journal*. We continue to be financially independent from the Department with funding from advertisers and contributors. The production process itself was consolidated and streamlined to provide consistency for future publications. Our peer review panel was expanded to accommodate the increased number of manuscripts submitted to the *Journal*. Volume 12, along with volumes 10 and 11, will also be accessible through the Department's home page or directly at www.med.upenn.edu/ortho/oj/. This will help to increase our national distribution and recognition.

The editors would like to thank all contributors, from the authors to the reviewers to the editorial staff. Clearly, the *University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal* would not exist without the tireless devotion of the resident staff. The quality of the recent volumes is a testament of their continued dedication and hard work. Finally, we hope that the readers find volume 12 both educational and enjoyable.

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