

Letter from the Editors-in-Chief

Dear UPOJ Readers:

We are very proud to present Volume 14 of the *University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal*. It is the Journal's fifth issue since its re-organization with Volume 10. This annual publication of this journal is exclusively due to the efforts of the residents of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. The goals of this journal are to provide high quality peer-reviewed articles in orthopaedic surgery and related fields. This year's journal has been successful in providing multidisciplinary peer-reviewed articles related to musculoskeletal disorders. The journal continues to encourage a diverse author pool from across the United States and abroad in both orthopaedics and other musculoskeletal disciplines.

As in prior years, the Journal is fully resident run and financially independent from the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, with funding from advertisers and contributors. We are very grateful for their support of the Journal. Without their generous contributions, this Journal's publication would not be possible.

We believe that Volume 14 upholds the standards of excellence of past issues of the University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal. Building upon recent tradition, this Journal places emphasis upon the scientific content and advancement of our discipline with communications focusing upon new clinical observations and exciting developments

emanating from laboratory investigations. As a result, the scientific content of the Journal continues to expand with every issue.

We are pleased that each year the Journal continues to grow. Our peer review panel was expanded to include over fifty reviewers to accommodate the increased number of manuscripts submitted to the Journal. The production process has been consolidated and streamlined to provide consistency for future publications. Entering the Internet era, Volumes 10 through 14 will be accessible through the University of Pennsylvania Department of Orthopaedic Surgery home page or directly at www.med.upenn.edu/ortho/oj/.

In closing, we, the editors, would like to thank the authors, reviewers, and especially the editorial staff for their contributions to this year's publication. The production of the *University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal* is the result of the dedication, perseverance, and creativity of the residents of the University of Pennsylvania Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. The *UPOJ* continues to exist and evolve each year due to the tireless devotion of these individuals. On behalf of the editorial staff of UPOJ, we hope the readers find this issue informative and enjoyable.

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