

From the Editors

Taking IJS Ahead

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International Journal of Spine has made its mark from the release of first issue and in the second issue we have tried to make it better. As mentioned in the first editorial IJS has two main focus points, Research as well as Education. Currently most of the journals are focussed on research based articles and almost 90% of their publication is original articles. IJS is planned to take a different route where we wish to include equal amount of educational material in the journal.

Every issue of IJS is planned to contain a symposia on a specific topic. These symposia are solicited from leading spine surgeons in the field and are formatted in form of a review article which is easy to read. We encourage authors to include case based scenarios in the review which become much easier to relate to a clinician unlike articles full of statistics. The symposium are created in such a way that even small topics related to the scope of symposia are given adequate space and not become part of foot note. This approach will help general orthopaedic surgeons also who wish to refresh their knowledge and update themselves in the field of spine surgery. This will be especially useful to students who can get collection of articles on single topic written by best authors at one place. We will continue this trend of symposia in all future issue of IJS and invite suggestions from our readers for the topic of symposia. We also invite interested surgeons who wish to be symposium editors to contact the editorial office.

Short narrative reviews and literature updates also form the education element in IJS. One narrative review is published in this issue and from next issue the literature updates will start. It will include summary of most important articles and research that are published in other spine journals and are of practical importance to our readers. Original research articles and case reports will continue to be published in the journal but with strict review guidelines and will follow all ethical standards

From this issue we have started a new feature called 'Interview'. IJS intends to interview the role models in field of spine surgery, especially people who inspire us to achieve excellence. The aim is to know them better and to understand their thought process. We can learn many things from them even outside orthopaedics and this aspect comes out beautifully in the current interview of Dr S Rajasekaran. He was gracious enough to give us his precious time and share with us his knowledge and principles that he

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follows in his life. We believe this interview will inspire many and everyone will learn something valuable from it. The interview was almost two hours long and in this issue we could include only the part of the interview. The second part will be published in the forthcoming issue. We wish to continue this feature and will be interviewing many more stalwarts in the field of Spine surgery. IJS is receiving more and more submissions each day and we wish to continue publishing good quality articles. We will appreciate any suggestions of comments, please write to us by email to editor.ijspine@gmail.com

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