

Letter from the Editors

Dear Colleagues,

This year marks the third issue of the Duke Orthopaedic Journal. This has been a year of transition. No longer in its infancy, the Journal has taken on an important role in the Duke Orthopaedic tradition. The result has been a phenomenal interest among residents, faculty, and alumni in contributing to the Journal. We have expanded every section of the Journal, for which we have relied on a growing group of dedicated reviewers. We have created a rigorous peer-review process, and a Journal of the Duke family can be proud of.

From the outset, the goal of this year's editorial team was to build upon the vision and dedication of the Journal's founders: Dr Selene G Parekh, Dr Will Eward and Dr Stephanie Mayer to expand the scope, visibility, and credibility of the Journal within the scientific community.

The first arm of this mission was a commitment to a centralized, all-electronic submission, review, and publishing platform. This has not been without growing pains, but has brought us one step closer to the standard set by other peer-reviewed orthopaedic publications. We are already hard at work on building a better, leaner platform for the years to come.

Our second goal was to achieve PubMed listing for our scientific articles. This is the *sine qua non* of legitimacy for a scientific journal. Thanks to the hard work of the editorial team, the PubMed committee is reviewing the Journal this June. PubMed listing will greatly improve our appeal for authors, and will undoubtedly increase the quality and quantity of submissions in the future.

Finally, we want to expand the reach of the Journal. A copy of this edition has been sent to every orthopaedic chairman and program director in the country to add to their libraries—a tradition started with the first Journal. A copy will also be provided to every residency applicant interviewing at Duke next year. Beyond highlighting the accomplishments of the Duke Orthopaedic family, this will serve as a springboard for the Journal to receive contributions from a wider base in the future, putting us on par with other highly recognized institutional journals.

None of this would be possible without the guidance and support of Dr Selene Parekh, our faculty advisor. We are grateful for his commitment to the Journal as well as to our development as reviewers, editors, and members of the academic community.

We hope that this edition of the Journal reminds us all of what makes the Duke family so special: Great patient care, great science, great friendships, and a commitment to excellence that never wavers.

Sincerely,
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