

Letter from the Editors

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we present the fifth edition of the Duke Orthopaedic Journal (DOJ). This has been a tremendous year for us and we are pleased to be able to publish a wide range of articles submitted from both our national and international associates. Many of our readers have inquired regarding if and when the journal would be indexed through PubMed. We have not yet gone forward with this change for a number of reasons. One major reason is that the journal's founders and editors have taken pride in publishing what we feel is a unique record of the yearly changes and accomplishments of the Duke Orthopaedic Program and intend for the journal to be a source of new and interesting research.

However, over the past years, it has become clear that there is both a wide interest among our readers for us to go forward with this change and that the journal has already been gaining a wider audience by virtue of our current electronic format. Therefore, we are pleased to announce that, with this year's edition of the DOJ, we will be able to go forward with the application process. We, the editors, collectively agree that having the journal indexed through PubMed will open the DOJ up to a wider audience and gain the journal a greater level of academic prestige. We are currently working together to make this goal a reality within the next few months.

It is still our goal to provide a combination of the latest updates in orthopaedic research and knowledge with the advances and achievements of the Duke Orthopaedic Family. For the 5th consecutive year, every member of the Piedmont Orthopaedic Society will be receiving a copy of the journal. Although financially it might be easier to provide an electronic-only format to our readers, we take pride in our publication, our department and our ability to share this with every member of the Piedmont. We, therefore, extend our sincere thanks to our donors and sponsors who have helped us continue this tradition.

We would also like to thank our faculty advisor, Dr Selene Parekh, for his continued dedication to the journal. For another year, he has kept the editorial staff focused and we would not have been able to create this edition without his energy and commitment to the DOJ.

Sincerely,
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