

# Letter from the Editors

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Dear Colleagues,

This marks the 6th edition of The Duke Orthopaedic Journal (DOJ). Looking back, we applaud the past editorial boards and journal founders, Selene Parekh, Will Eward, and Stephanie Mayer, who have brought the journal from infancy into a part of Duke Orthopaedic tradition. With an increasing readership and a broader base of contributors, the DOJ has continued to mature over the past 5 years. This has all been done while observing the publication's unique opportunity to update our readers on the year's highlights and accomplishments within Duke Orthopaedics.

Maintaining the blend of scientific and special interest articles that characterize the DOJ also poses some unique challenges. In recent years, our readers and contributors have become increasingly interested in having the journal indexed through PubMed, the free search engine associated with the MEDLINE database of scientific publications. This would likely enhance the DOJ's legitimacy and prestige while also offering a wider readership. Through our efforts to this end, we have been motivated by PubMed to further expand the volume of scientific articles published, as attempts to achieve PubMed indexing have been postponed due to lack of scientific research articles. This feedback has encouraged us to solicit more high-quality scientific papers, and to expand the number of contributors to the journal. However, we do not feel that publishing more scientific articles should come at the expense of the annual Duke Orthopaedic updates, and therefore we must find new ways to achieve the perfect balance of articles for the DOJ.

We intend to explore different avenues to solicit articles from other institutions. While we currently provide a copy of the DOJ to every orthopaedic chairman and program director in the country, we feel that increasing our digital footprint through direct electronic communication with residents, fellows, and faculty nationally is necessary to concretely increase our number of contributors. Combining this with our goal to further streamline the centralized, all-electronic submission, review and publishing platform, we anticipate meeting the expectations for PubMed indexing in the very near future.

We would like to welcome and thank Dr. Rhett Hallows, our new faculty advisor, for his guidance and support throughout the editorial and publication process. After working with Dr. Hallows this year, we are confident that his leadership will add to DOJ's success. We would also like to recognize Dr. Selene Parekh who served as the journal's faculty advisor in the first 5 years. The DOJ would not be what it is today without his dedication and commitment.

We hope you find this year's edition of the DOJ enjoyable and informative while also providing another venue to connect with the Duke Orthopaedic Family.

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