

Letter from the Editors-in-Chief

Dear UPOJ Readers:

We are very proud to present Volume 15 of the *University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal*. It is the Journal's sixth issue since its re-organization with Volume 10. This annual publication of this journal is exclusively the result of the efforts of the residents of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. The goals of the 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 encompassing a spectrum of musculoskeletal disorders.

As in prior years, the Journal is resident produced and financially independent from the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. This is possible due to the support from our advertisers and contributors. We are grateful for their financial support of the Journal and recognize that without their generous contributions, this publication would not be possible.

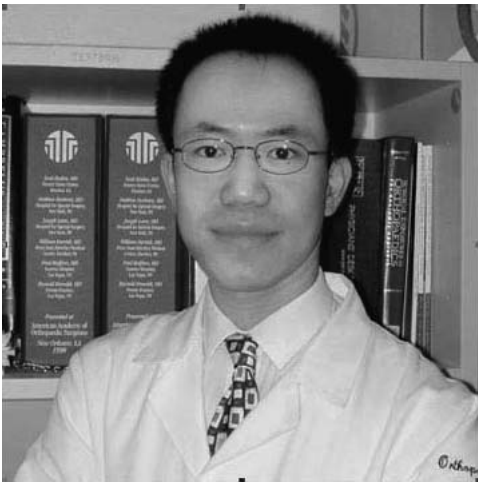
It is our goal that Volume 15 maintains the standards of excellence of past issues of the *University of Pennsylvania*

Orthopaedic Journal. Our emphasis is placed on research with strong scientific content and experimentation, as well as literature directed towards advancement of our discipline by focusing upon new clinical observations and exciting developments from laboratory investigations.

We are pleased that each year the Journal continues to grow. The Journal continues to encourage a diverse author pool from across the United States and abroad in both orthopaedics and other musculoskeletal disciplines. In addition, our peer review panel has been expanded to include over fifty reviewers to accommodate the increased number of manuscripts submitted to the Journal. The production process has been streamlined to provide consistency for future publications. To meet the demands of the Internet Age, Volumes 10 through 15 are accessible through the University of Pennsylvania Department of Orthopaedic Surgery home page or directly at www.med.upenn.edu/ortho/oj/.

The editors would like to thank the authors, reviewers, and especially the editorial staff for their contributions to this year's publication. All that have participated in its publication have given tireless energy and thought which has resulted in a note worthy accomplishment. On behalf of the editorial staff of UPOJ, we hope our readers will find this issue informative and enjoyable.

We would like to dedicate this year's journal in memory of my co-editor-in-chief, "Leo" Yuen-Pok Leung, who passed away unexpectedly on April 12, 2002 at the age 29. Leo was a dear friend and respected colleague to all who knew him. He was one of the editors-in-chief of the journal, but more importantly, he embodied the ideals of the journal: dedication to one's profession, perseverance to achieve excellence, and the creativity to explore outside of established thought. Those goals we strive to achieve in ourselves and in our journal.



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