

## Letter from the Editors-in-Chief

Dear UPOJ Readers;

We are proud to present Volume 16 of the *University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal*. This publication is the result of the tireless efforts of the residents in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery here at the University of Pennsylvania. The goal of the journal is to provide high quality peer-reviewed articles in the field of Orthopaedic Surgery. This year's journal has been successful in providing articles that encompass a broad spectrum of Orthopaedic topics.

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

We hope that Volume 16 maintains the standard of excellence that has been set by past issues. We have placed our emphasis on literature directed towards the advancement of various fields in our discipline; focusing on new clinical observations, exciting developments in basic sciences, as well as well written review articles.

The *Journal* continues to encourage contributions from across the United States and abroad in both orthopaedics

and other musculoskeletal disciplines. Additionally, our peer review panel has been expanded to include over fifty reviewers with a wide breadth and depth of orthopaedic experience. The *Journal* is also accessible through the University of Pennsylvania Department of Orthopaedic Surgery home page or directly at [www.med.upenn.edu/ortho/oj/](http://www.med.upenn.edu/ortho/oj/).

We would like to dedicate this year's *Journal* to Dr. Marvin Steinberg. He has served as a tremendous role model for countless residents and fellows throughout his career. His contributions to our understanding of orthopaedic surgery as well as his commitment to research and patient care have left an indelible mark on this department.

The editors would like to especially thank the authors and reviewers for their contributions to this year's publication. Every individual that has participated in this year's edition of the UPOJ has given precious time and energy to the process, which has resulted in a great accomplishment. On behalf of the editorial staff of UPOJ, we hope our readers will find this issue informative and enjoyable.

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