



PUBLISHING STANDARDS

As we enter a new year, we have the opportunity to raise our publishing standards even higher for *International Surgery*. Our clear intention continues to be to fulfill and exceed all criteria associated with the highest standards in reference to scientific and medical publishing.

Our quality goal is focused on scientific merit, including validity, currency of information and references, originality, and contribution to the scientific and medical field. Our Editorial Board accepts this challenge in terms of their peer review function and role. Our publisher accepts this challenge in terms of online quality.

Our goal is to accept and publish manuscripts that have a high degree of importance to researchers, clinicians in the field, clinicians not in the field, educators, administrators, allied health professionals, students, and policy makers.

Our ethics policies should guard against conflicts of interest, be supportive of human and animal

rights, and recognize the importance of obtaining proper information consent.

All of our quality considerations, maintenance of high relevance to the scientific and medical field, and ethics practices should be above and beyond reproach. I ask each of our stakeholders in *International Surgery* to keep these publishing standards and expectations in mind and to focus constantly on continued improvement of *International Surgery*.

As your Editor-in-Chief of *International Surgery*, I take this opportunity to thank you for all of your interest and support in the previous year.

I look forward with enthusiasm to a continued working relationship with all of you in this new year.

Sincerely,

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Editor-in-Chief
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