



Surgical Specialties

One of the most significant trends in global surgery is the increasing rate of specialization. The significance is dependent on a number of variables, including the country, medical training requirements, and facilities and equipment available.

My key message to all authors and potential authors of scientific medical transcripts is that the editorial staff of *International Surgery* is completely supportive of surgical specialties. We are dedicated to assisting and accommodating authors who are surgical specialists. We also continue to support general surgeons as well. In every issue of *International Surgery*, we arrange the table of contents by specialty. Our reviewers are assigned manuscripts for review based on their specialties in order to produce the best reviews possible.

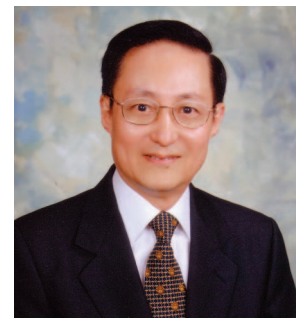
There is just too much to know, and surgical specialization is the response to the exploding

amount of scientific medical knowledge on a global basis. Surgical specialization training begins in many medical schools. In other situations, depending on the country and the medical school training requirements, a surgeon must first practice as a general surgeon and then focus on a surgical specialty.

Whatever the trends and local circumstances are, we at *International Surgery* are entirely supportive of general surgeons and specialty surgeons.

I welcome any questions or comments that you may have.

Sincerely,



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