



PUBLISHING STANDARDS

I address a most important topic for any journal in the scientific/medical field, which is publishing standards. We are in an era whereby, unfortunately, some misrepresentations are being communicated to scientific/medical authors by some journal representatives. *International Surgery* has been published for 80 plus years by the International College of Surgeons and continues to be published with the highest publishing standards. Strong adherence to these publishing standards has allowed us to continue to serve the field of science and medicine for so many years.

Our quality goal remains 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 ethical 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 constantly focus on continued improvement of *International Surgery*.

As the Editor-in-Chief of *International Surgery*, I invite your comments and questions. I look forward to an ever closer relationship with all of our stakeholders in *International Surgery*.

Sincerely,

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