Letter from the Editor

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Welcome to volume 8 of the *HSS Journal*. With the support of our authors, reviewers, editorial board and readership, the *HSS Journal* has continued to establish itself as a worthy forum for communication of the state of the art in musculoskeletal medicine and science. The challenge going forward is to strengthen our impact by attracting and soliciting a greater number of submissions of manuscripts from around the world. Over the next year, we will be working towards this goal by reaching out to our international colleagues and their societies for their work. We will be working to hasten the review and revision process to shorten the time to publication, and we will continue to work with our authors to help them produce timely and well-written manuscripts.

In volume 8, issue 1, we are excited to present the proceedings of the Osteoarthritis Summit: Frontiers in OA Research, Prevention, and Care held at HSS this past June. This groundbreaking meeting brought together experts involved in all aspects in the field of Osteoarthritis research. The meeting was chaired by Timothy Wright, PhD and Steven Goldring, MD. As quoted by Dr. Wright, "The major goal of the Summit was to foster discussion among the participants in an effort to reach consensus on important topics in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of osteoarthritis (OA) and to highlight future directions for research." This 2-day meeting was highlighted by exceptional presentations of the current state of the art in clinical care and basic science research in this field. More importantly, each day devoted considerable time to breakout

sessions which encouraged a group assessment of the current issues in OA care and research and generated promising consensus statements which should help guide future research of this disease.

Following that meeting, in July, a State of the Science in OA Meeting was held to address gaps in nursing knowledge in the treatment and management of OA. This meeting, chaired by Laura Robbins, DSW and Marjorie G. Kulesa, BS, RN, ONC, CNOR, brought together thought leaders in the nursing community to develop a consensus paper of what nurses need to know about the clinical management of OA. The executive summary from that meeting will be published in an upcoming issue.

We have captured these meetings for your benefit as a series of short communications. The current understanding of the pathogenesis and clinical impact of OA is clearly described. The reader will come away well versed with the current paradigms of basic science knowledge and clinical approaches to treatment. The emphasis on future research is exciting and compelling.

Please absorb and enjoy the proceedings. Thank you for your continued support of the *HSS Journal*!

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