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Editorial

Changing ways of orthopaedic knowledge sharing!

There has been a constant change in the way knowledge has been shared over the years. In the previous days, orthopaedic procedures were demonstrated in front of large audience, whereas today everything is a click away on the World Wide Web. The training schedule of an orthopaedic resident has not changed except that now he/she is exposed to different disease patterns and changing treatment options. The duration of post-graduate training is 3 years and comprises of writing a thesis and doing some surgeries under supervision. This is followed by 3 years of senior residency which involves more of independent surgeries and decision making for patients. Earlier, most of the books read were by international authors and there was no Indian literature available to quote. Now lots of books written by Indian authors are read by the resident doctors. Knowledge sharing again seems to be moving in circles as are nails and plates in orthopaedic treatment. Hard copies and libraries were the only way to go before the advent of online availability of knowledge. Then came the times when soft copies of most of the books became available. This reduced the popularity of hard copies and any desire to visit libraries. Next came in the smart phones and 24×7 access to knowledge in one's pocket became a reality. Many years back, journals were not freely available. One would have to visit the National Medical Library to read a journal and this would happen only around the thesis submission time. There were no Indian journals and it was very difficult to get the Indian literature published in the indexed international journals. Today, the scenario has changed; there are at least 10 Indian journals in which the Indian orthopaedic literature can be published. So hard copies are back in a big way both in books and journals. However, the online search engines are here to stay and may become more efficient in future for sharing knowledge.

Delhi Orthopaedic Association has also moved ahead in its efforts to share knowledge. Besides the annual conference and monthly meetings, now we have the midcon, CME on imaging, an active website and a growing journal. The journal is published regularly and has improved in quality over the last 6 years. Elsevier became our journal's publisher 3 years back. At that time, a website of the journal was launched. All the submissions have been through the website and the peer review process also runs through the website. Being a journal of a state chapter, it has visibility worldwide through the website which contains all the issues with full

text and also a place for videos, if an article needs a surgical technique to be demonstrated. The journal from this year will have four issues instead of two to accommodate more articles. The journal is also a tool to inform the members of any new activities coming up in the city through the event calendar. It is indexed in Science Direct and with time, hopefully, it will be included in more popular indices as well. Living with the age, our journal also has a free app, making its reach far, wide and also easy. Now, the submissions are coming not only from India but also from countries around the world. The editorial board has also expanded, and we have reviewers who are globally located. There would be changes in the content of the journal in the forthcoming issues. Theme-based issues and sections on orthopaedic examinations would be introduced.

The editorial time for the journal has considerably improved as compared to that in 2012. A manuscript now on an average takes about 27 days from submission to the first decision, as compared to 67 days in 2012. India continues to be the top contributor to the journal in terms of manuscripts, followed by Italy, Morocco, UK, USA, Singapore, Germany, Australia, Egypt, Tunisia and Iran. The rejection rate of the journal stands at 37%, as compared to 30% in 2012. The Science Direct usage of the journal has improved significantly. There have been 2507 downloads till date for 2013 and this figure continues to increase. The most downloaded article which had 150 downloads was "Comparative prospective study of proximal femoral nail and dynamic hip screw in treatment of intertrochanteric fracture femur" (Kumar, R.; Singh, R.N.; Singh, B.N.), published in Vol 3, Issue 1 of the journal. The journal's articles will now feature CrossMark logo. CrossMark is a multi-publisher initiative from the CrossRef organization which provides a standardized way for readers to locate the authoritative version of a document. This initiative will alert researchers to important changes that may occur to published scholarly content and will highlight important publication record information. CrossMark will provide an industry standard notifying readers of changes to content in a consistent way, regardless of who publishes it or where on the web it is stored. The journal is now available on Elsevier's HEALTHADVANCE JOURNALS SMARTPHONE APP for personal subscribers and members, enabling convenient mobile journal reading. The app is

available for free download on iPhone and Android at Apple iTunes and Google Play. The app requires a one-time setup and is primarily designed to frequently browse the current issue, scan abstracts on the go, bookmark articles and forward citations to others.

In our endeavour to enhance knowledge sharing, the editorial team at *Journal of Clinical Orthopaedics and Trauma* invites submission of manuscripts of all types and to be a part of “Changing ways of orthopaedic knowledge sharing!”

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