A new beginning to oral and maxillofacial surgery

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The scene of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in India has undergone a sea change in the past two decades, essentially due to greater opportunities of specialized training to our young and aspiring surgeons. This has brought more centers of excellence in India. The size of this country makes it difficult for the youngsters to travel to better and established centers

for training and it gets more difficult with limited intake capacity of these centers, therefore, the only portals left are meetings and professional courses or journals and other publications.

Many journals are being published but most are limited to the specialty leaving a void for possibilities of reading allied branches involved in similar and useful research. This particular journal is intended to overcome this difficulty.

There has been a great outburst in this country in the practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery with quality comparable to the best elsewhere. This has been possible due to ready availability of equipment, both diagnostic and surgical, and also funds to acquire them. The population here is a gold mine of clinical material, which is waiting to be exploited all over the country for larger good. We need to learn from the West to do more evidence-based work and to report it.

The daunting task of starting a journal has already been successfully overcome; the continuance of this will largely depend on readiness to contribute good quality research, review articles, interesting case reports and other scientific facts.