

From the

Editors



Dr Yogesh Panchwagh¹ & Dr Ashok Shyam^{1,2}
introduce the inaugural issue of Journal of Bone
and Soft Tissue Tumors

Journal of Bone and Soft Tissue Tumors: A New Beginning

The faculty of bone and soft tissue tumors has seen tremendous growth in terms of recognition and advancement in recent years. As pointed out by Dr Ajay Puri [1] the field is fairly new in India but has shown great promise both in terms of patient care and education. The aspects of education on which the Journal of Bone and Soft Tissue Tumors (JBST) will focus is on inter disciplinary collaborations and providing platform for publication of relevant research and clinical studies from all over the world and specially from Asia. The journal also aims to provide the most relevant and practice based information to everyone involved in care of bone and soft tissue tumors.

Cancers on a whole and bone tumors specifically require multidisciplinary approach towards managing patients. Orthopaedic Oncology as it is termed is not simply a surgical branch but requires inputs from various different faculties including orthopaedic oncologist, radiologist, pathologist, medical oncologist, radiation oncologist, pediatric medical oncologist, surgical oncologist, plastic surgeons and micro-vascular surgeons. In fact the first symposium published in JBST is written by pediatric oncologists, radiation oncologist and orthopaedic oncologist which say a lot about how important this interdisciplinary collaboration is to JBST [2,3,4]. JBST specifically aims to provide a platform where multiple faculties can come together and interact. We have inter disciplinary members on the editorial board and in coming months we will be expanding this further to include many more faculties like biomechanics, genetics, basic sciences and Prosthetics. This will help us understand the viewpoints of each other and also help us provide better patient care.

The other aim of the journal is promotion of research activities and publication of clinically relevant articles not only from the western world but also from Africa and Asia. Although research has been increasingly seen as gaining importance in our country but there exists a lot of research apathy and research lethargy. JBST aims to provide a platform for publication and will also provide assistance in manuscript preparation which will be useful for new researchers and writers. This assistance will be provided through the writers club of the orthopaedic research group which is also involved in conception and publication of the Journal. Thus the authors will be supported at every stage of publication and best quality articles will be made available to readers. The main focus of the Journal will be to provide clinically relevant articles that will be directly applicable to treating patients in real world and not only on paper with statistics. We urge our authors to keep statistics to

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minimal and to use only basic statistics in their articles and focus on bringing out the clinically relevant points in their articles. The reviewers too are advised to focus on the clinical relevance of the article and on the paradigm in which the particular article will be useful in treating patients. The journal will focus both on Evidence based medicine and on Practice based medicine and will try to find a balance between the two. With this in mind features like expert reviews, narrative reviews will be published along with systematic reviews. Technical notes and case reports, case studies will be regular features and will have specific focus on case based approach to particular clinical scenario.

With these aims we have embarked on a journey toward excellence in treatment of bone and soft tissue tumors. We would like to thank all the editorial board members who encouraged us and helped us in every way to start this venture. We thank all our authors who provided us with excellent articles and lastly we thank our reviewers who did rapid reviews and corrections in the articles. We thank the Orthopaedic Research Group for supporting this venture and helping at every step of the publication process. The future of JBST looks very promising specially with the support from the editorial board. We as a team are committed to JBST and aim to make this journal a landmark publication in years to come.

With this we leave you to enjoy the First issue of the Journal of Bone and Soft Tissue Tumors.

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