

From the Desk of the President...

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All over the world, people were worried about the pandemic that took a toll on the entire mankind. However, an old adage goes: “Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create”. But creation is always difficult, time-consuming, and involves utilising your body and mind towards an appropriate direction and cause. Moreover, when the creation is nearing completion, one tries to achieve excellence, thereby making the process longer. But when the creation is complete, the satisfaction you get is unparalleled! It’s like a mother having a baby. Despite all the ordeals, after looking at the baby’s face, a mother forgets them instantly because when the baby is born, he/she creates a Mother as well!

Academic writing’ has been the most difficult task for an Orthopod. Dealing with a difficult patient, diagnose a difficult problem, perform a difficult surgery is one thing — but to pen these experiences has traditionally not been a cup of tea for most of our esteemed members. The Bombay Orthopaedic Society (BOS) stands for academics, and academic writing is the strength of any Association. It is relatively easy to present a case, but becomes difficult to present a series of cases, and it is even more difficult to follow it up and write a manuscript. But when the manuscript is ready and accepted for publication by a peer-reviewed journal, the amount of satisfaction is overwhelming. It leaves a permanent impression about your excellence around the world and you stand alone among the peers. That is why BOS began recognising the publications of its members since 2006, when I was the Secretary of this August society.

In a time of destruction, create something... at least start with a case report. The case which you have handled differently and unconventionally gives a better outcome to not only the patient, but the entire Orthopaedic community. After your case reports are published, you can get a little confidence in going for a case series, then retrospective analysis, followed by prospective studies. Of course, all these creations are possible with good record keeping. You need to maintain a record of each and every patient you handle, from conservative or operative. Electronic gadgets are a useful tool now-a-days. Besides your creation, the record keeping will help you in handling any medicolegal issues as well. Hence it is of dual benefit to every orthopod.

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While I am coming close to the end of my tenure, I shall be devoting more time to the editorial board of our journal in a different role. We are striving hard to make our “Journal of Clinical Orthopaedics” to make it indexed in PubMed. This needs more and more

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original articles or case reports. Hence, contributions from the grass-root level will help to build up our journal to national and international repute and get recognition with our 2,740-strong members contributing to reach a mammoth academic platform! Let's do it together!!

Long live BOS !

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