

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



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Dear Readership,

I am proud to report that the JAOCD continues to flourish thanks to our hard-working editorial board and all of the submissions from our members and residents. We are committed to publishing quality manuscripts, and I think everyone can agree that we take meaningful pearls away from each issue.

During the ACGME/AOA single-accreditation transition, it remains important for us to be vigilant in incorporating those core Osteopathic Practices and Principles that we trained with. It is this identity that will ensure our survival as a unique profession within dermatology and protect our ability to deliver osteopathic care to our patients. This is why the journal has been showcasing osteopathy-focused articles on our covers whenever possible.

The JAOCD's Volume 29 original feature article, "An osteopathic approach to Raynaud's Phenomenon," was the No. 1 most-accessed article in 2014 by osteopathic physicians (not just dermatologists) across all journals (osteopathic and non-osteopathic), according to the American Academy of Osteopathy. Osteopathic dermatologists represent about 10% of the graduating dermatologists in the United States, mirroring the overall percentage of all osteopathic physicians among all U.S. physicians from all specialties. Osteopathy-focused literature will be especially vital in establishing the uniqueness of our core values during the merger, and the JAOCD is distinctive in addressing this need. The journal may also eventually play a role in endowing required osteopathic credits toward continued certification. We already offer AOA Cat 2-B CME credit for readership.

I ask, then, that our members start incorporating osteopathic principles into more submissions. In addition to reflecting the uniqueness of our profession, it will contribute to a successful bid for Medline indexing, as we can fill a significant void in Medline's current offerings. Indexing is paramount in validating the hard work of our students and residents.

With your help, we look forward to publishing more osteopathy-focused articles in the future.

Faternally,

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