Dear Readers,

Our journal has a proud history of scholarship and volunteerism. It has been a steady platform for us to publish our interesting cases and share ideas. Traditionally, the annual-paper residency requirements have made up the bulk of our submissions. As you probably realize, that requirement is going away. This leaves the journal without an immediately identifiable pool of potential material. Submissions from sources outside this requirement are currently too anemic to populate a journal. So we find ourselves at a crossroads with our endeavor.

The near future may see a day when the journal ceases to exist. I have spoken with many of you, and the general sentiment is that we are duplicating efforts already covered by other journals. This is a valid point. But many of you also enjoy the journal and want to see it survive. Personally, I am tremendously enriched by reviewing the articles, as it keeps me current with literature I would otherwise never read. We are lucky to have a panel of talented and dedicated reviewers in place who volunteer their time and energy for the journal. Additionally, our infrastructure and finances are in place to continue operations for quite some time. If we continue to receive quality articles from you, there is no reason we cannot continue to publish.

The coming months will determine the journal's fate. I want to stress this point: There is a very real possibility our beloved journal will end. If it is valuable to you, let us know by reading it online, utilizing the CME offered, and/or submitting an article. Ultimately, our journal cannot exist without your submissions. If you deem it has no value, your silence will be a deafening call to stop the press.

“To be or not to be: that is the question.”

You have our ear.

Respectfully,

Derrick