

EDITORIAL

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From the Editor

With this issue of the *AAOJ*, I wish to introduce you, our readers, to yet another collection of interesting and informative articles for your reading pleasure. At the same time, I would like to inform you of some new developments and directions for the *AAOJ*. Let me begin with this news first. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that our beloved and respected Editor-in-Chief (EIC), Janice Blumer, DO, FAAO, has resigned her position with the *AAOJ* in order to move on to other exciting career opportunities. I wish to thank Dr. Blumer for having served the *AAOJ* as EIC for nearly two terms of office, and for all that she has achieved for the Journal. She will be missed, but at the same time I wish her great success in her new life adventures! In the meantime, I have agreed to take on the role of Interim Editor-in-Chief while the AAO conducts a formal search for a new permanent EIC.

This issue of the *AAOJ* contains several articles which illustrate how and why we should apply our osteopathic principles and philosophy in the care of our patients. I invite you to enjoy the following collection of articles in this issue of the *AAOJ*:

In “The Role of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine in the Rehabilitation of a Competitive Dancer after a Major Abdominal Surgery,” Gabriel Berenbeim, DO and Jose Figueroa, DO present an interesting case that illustrates the application of osteopathic principles and philosophy in the treatment of a post-operative patient with a history of Crohn’s disease.

“The Touch Taboo: Origins for the Prohibition of Touch in Psychiatry and a Rational Osteopathic Approach” by Teodor Huzij, DO, FACN is a fascinating essay on the issue of the use of touch in psychiatric

practice, and a call for its appropriate usage within the application of osteopathic philosophy and principles.

We also present the 2021 Thomas L. Northup Lecture, “Integrating Osteopathic Principles into Patient Care: An Approach for All Specialties,” by Karen Snider, DO, FAAO, FNAOME. This article discusses how osteopathic principles can be integrated across the entire spectrum of medical practice.

Finally, we include “Quality of Care: An Assessment of the Contributions of Osteopathic Medicine,” by Anthony G. Chila, DO, FAAODist, FCA. This was Dr. Chila’s FAAO thesis. Tony passed away this past April, and the thesis is presented as a memorial to him. He had a long and brilliant career and touched many of our lives. For me, he was a long-time friend and mentor, and was my sponsor for my own FAAO application process.

So please enjoy this issue of the *AAOJ*, and remember that we are always interested in receiving new manuscripts. If you are inclined to become a published author, please consider the *AAOJ* for your submissions. And, if you are interested in becoming a reviewer for *AAOJ* manuscripts, please contact the AAO office for information about the Journal’s manuscript review process.

Enjoy! ■



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