



EFORT Open Reviews: A journal on the go!

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Our journal has passed the hurdle of acceptance, and since the spring of 2017 it is being indexed in PubMed. In that same year, *EFORT Open Reviews* (EOR) was also accepted by Clarivate Analytics for inclusion in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) – part of the Web of Science Core Collection. This allows the reviews and articles of EOR to become more and more accessible to a widespread global audience. Reviews are becoming an integral part of our education. Because most surgeons tend to sub- or super-specialize it is becoming necessary to provide concise, informative and well-written review material so that even the most focused specialist may obtain the best possible information in an adjacent field or, when the patient's condition demands, clear guidance in another less well-known domain. For example, shoulder pain may initiate from the rotator cuff – it usually does – but sometimes it is of another origin. A top-quality review of cervical spine conditions with irradiating pain to the shoulder can be a great help towards clarifying the diagnosis of the origin of the problem and thus avoiding unnecessary investigation and even surgery.

The sheer quantity of material that hits our screens every minute of every day is staggering! In this highly competitive and dynamic environment it is useful to have a reliable source of information, especially in fields other than the ones the reader is most familiar with. The articles published in EOR have been collected, peer reviewed, and finally edited by a team of dedicated authors, reviewers and editors who are always on the lookout to provide the reader with the most up-to-date and accurate information. There are now more than 150 reviews published on the EOR website since January 2016, including all specialties of orthopaedics. Accuracy in clinical relevance is always first and foremost on the editors' minds, so that the information may be useful not only for passing exams but also in the examining room, at the bedside, and most importantly in the operating theatre. The information can be relayed worldwide on practically all types of devices equipped with a screen.

Annually, a small number of the most informative reviews published during the year are chosen to be

issued in paper format along with the Instructional Lectures given at the annual EFORT Congress, this year in Barcelona. A paper edition is felt to meet the need for a hard copy which may be displayed or quietly perused when electronics are not available or are inconvenient. The bound paper journal is distributed to all participants at the Congress so as to keep mailing costs to a minimum – this allows for the print publication to endure with sponsorship kept to a minimum.

EFORT Open Reviews is looking for new reviewers, and especially those of the younger generation. Young orthopaedic surgeons, especially those facing an examination or in their formative years, form a significant part of the journal's readership. We need the opinions of the upcoming generation of orthopaedic surgeons to give their opinions on reviews written for their use. At the EOR stand during the EFORT Barcelona meeting, readers may meet with the editors and staff of the journal, voice their opinions and also sign up on the volunteer list to become regular reviewers of the articles that are submitted. Reviewing is volunteer work that is not stress-free. Recognizing inherent faults in an article – or better still, uncovering the gem hidden in an article – is a sometimes strenuous, labour-intensive and time-consuming exercise. However, to paraphrase Winston Churchill describing the democratic process: 'Blinded reviewing is the worst form of article evaluation, except all those other forms that have been tried'. Because it is much work with little material return outside of the personal satisfaction of identifying or helping to hatch a great article, methods of compensating reviewers have long been sought. Today, Publons allows reviewers to collect CME points and to build a profile which may be used for furthering one's academic career (<https://publons.com>). All reviewers of EOR articles have automatic access to Publons, if they so wish, directly from the electronic reviewing form.

We hope that you will find this year's edition of *EFORT Open Reviews* informative and useful, and since this is the journal of EFORT we strongly encourage your participation in the journal by reviewing or authoring papers of the highest quality. Come to the EOR stand in Barcelona and stay informed!

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