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Editorial

Journal of Hand Surgery Global Online: The Year in Review

Allowing free and immediate access to publications, open-access publishing has steadily gained ground, and the *Journal of Hand Surgery Global Online (JHS GO)* ensures that the field of hand surgery stays at the forefront of changes in medical publishing.^{1,2}

Our focus was on building a journal of the highest possible quality, designing a streamlined and integrated editorial process, and striving to make *JHS GO* a highly desirable journal for submission at national and international levels. We have built an article transfer system with the *Journal of Hand Surgery* so as to facilitate the submission process and avoid the duplication of reviews. We have also identified topics of particular interest to our readers and have compiled special issues around them. This year, we will dedicate our special issues to the wide-awake local anesthesia no tourniquet (WALANT) technique and peripheral nerve surgery.

Since *JHS GO's* inception, we placed a strong emphasis on achieving diversity among our editorial board, a rarity in the medical publishing world. Ahead of the trend examining disparities in authorship and editorial boards, *JHS GO* is proud to include 11 international members, 4 women, and 4 underrepresented minorities to its editorial board.^{3,4}

By 2022, *JHS GO* was accepted for indexing by PubMed Central, the Directory of Open Access Journals, and Scopus. The Directory of Open Access Journals has become one of the largest and most well-reputed indexing services within open-access journal publishing, and today, it contains more than 8,000 listed titles and 800,000 searchable articles.⁵ PubMed Central is the US National Institutes of Health's National Library of Medicine's free, full-text database with references to articles in biomedical and life science journals. PubMed Central was developed and is maintained by the National Center for Biotechnology Information at the United States National Library of Medicine. It is searchable via PubMed. PubMed now has

over 30 million citations and provides each article with a unique PubMed identification number. It is the most used citation database in the world. As an open-access publication, all *JHS GO* citations have full-text links, increasing the reach and impact of our articles. We are excited to be included among the high-quality journals indexed in these databases and look forward to receiving more submissions in the years to come.

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