

EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues,

Once again, it is my privilege to be publishing this, the 4th issue, of our professional journal this year. As you have come to expect, it includes several clinical research studies. I hope that each of you will take the time to read this issue thoroughly and incorporate anything you find useful into your practice.

In this issue, there are six clinical research and one case report. The first study is a study concerning the "Main Curve Correction and Spontaneous Thoracic Curve Correction After Selective Thoraclumbar/Lumbar Fusion in Lenke Type 5c Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis: Up to 10 Years Follow-up". The second is a research study entitled "A Great Mimicker of Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis: Sciatic Scoliosis. A Retrospective Review of 18 Adolescent Patients with at least 2 Years of Follow-up". In the third, one can read a retrospective clinical study entitled, "Incidence of Asymptomatic Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve Palsy Following Anterior Cervical Spine Surgery". The fourth article is a retrospective study, "Utility of Routine Needle Biopsy During Kyphoplasty for Osteoporotic Vertebral Fractures". The authors of the fifth study examined the "Adding Epidural Injection to Vertebroplasty Improves Function in Patients with Vertebral Compression Fracture". The sixth study gives a clear answer to the question "Is Spinal Gunshot Wound Surgery Really Necessary?" while, in the seventh, the authors wrote a case report about "Intradural Disc Herniation Mimicking a Spinal Tumor, Case Presentation and Review of the Literature".

I hope you found this issue stimulating and informative. I do this in an effort to keep all of us on the cutting edge of the latest research and developments. My mission is, and has always been, to keep all of us on top of the most cutting-edge research in our field.

With kindest regards,

Editor in Chief

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