
GUEST EDITORIAL

For the last 30 years, the Panamerican Trauma Society (PTS) has strived to represent all that is good for the care of injured patients in all the Americas. The PTS has accomplished that mission in several ways. Certainly, one of the best known is the annual Congress. The other one has been, the Panamerican Journal of Trauma, Critical Care & Emergency Surgery. With this current edition, the PAJTCCES enters a new era, under the leadership of its new Editor-in-Chief, Dr Sandro Rizoli. We expect great things from Dr Rizoli and the revamped editorial board.

Our goal is to make the PAJTCCES the preferred journal for investigators to use to publish their findings. This is true whether the investigation is about trauma, critical care, or emergency surgery. This will require real excellence from those in charge but will also require commitment from the members of the PTS. The journal will only succeed if it receives high-quality, clinically relevant manuscripts from the members of the PTS. Without that, the journal will fail regardless of how hard the leadership tries. Our goal is to have the journal indexed in the very near future. That will be a huge step, demonstrating the continued credibility of both the PTS and its journal.

I have never asked anyone to do something I am not willing to do. To show my personal commitment to the journal, my institution, the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, will submit one article for consideration for publication in each edition. While I recognize that not every institution may not be able to contribute at that level, I hope that the leaders of the PTS and the journal, as well as all PTS members, commit to contributing at the highest level possible. If we all do not make a commitment, this effort is doomed to failure. I am confident that the PTS members are interested in making the PAJTCCES the finest journal it can be.

I look forward to great things from the journal, great submissions from the members, and continued growth of the Society we all care about so fervently.

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