



Dear Colleagues,

Once again, I'd like to say that I feel very privileged to be the person responsible for publishing this, the 3rd issue, of our professional journal this year. I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the reviewers, assistant editors, secretaries and the Galenos Publishing team for the effort they all put into publishing this issue.

This issue includes seven clinical research studies and one basic research study. I hope that each of you will take the time to review this issue very carefully, and incorporate the information and insights contained herein, to your already very well informed knowledge bases.

The first study examines "What Information do Teenagers With Idiopathic Scoliosis and Their Families Need When First Diagnosed?". The second study is about "Monoaxial Pedicle Screws With Sublaminar Fixations in The Correction of Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis". The third, is a clinical study, a single center experience entitled "Posterior Only Surgery for Rigid Scoliotic Curves Progressed Above 80 Degrees: Does it Yield Sufficient Correction?". The fourth article is entitled, "Chest Injuries Accompanying Blunt Spinal Trauma" while the fifth study is a basic research article investigating "Biochemical Analysis for Neuroprotective Effects of Ganoderma Lucidum in Experimental Rat Spinal Cord Trauma Model". The sixth study is entitled "Adverse Events Following Lumbar Spine Fusion: The Impact of Diabetes Mellitus." In the seventh study, the authors evaluated "The fate of Abstracts Presented at Turkish Spine Congresses in 2015 and 2017". The eighth article is a retrospective study about "Prognostic Criteria for Post-operative Success in Patients Undergoing Surgery for Adult Spinal Deformities".

Once again, I'd like to recognize the efforts of everyone especially for our reviewers who worked tirelessly to get this issue out to our readers in spite of the issues posed during these very unusual and difficult times. I hope our readers appreciate the work that went into this, and that each of you take the time to read and absorb the vital information contained here. I hope in near future pandemic will be diminishing by the use of vaccinations. Our mission remains, as always, to keep you abreast of all the latest developments in our field. Once again, this issue is intended to further that goal. I wish to my readers wonderful holiday with their families.

With kindest regards,

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