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Journey of our Journal in the coming years

It is indeed an honour and a pleasure to be asked to pen a few words for our Kerala Journal of Orthopaedics (KJO). KJO represents the face of our esteemed organization. We would love to see this publication shine like a star in the Orthopaedic map of India, as well as outside our country. All of us have to put our hearts and souls into this.

Our first and primary aim should be to get this journal indexed.

What is indexing?

Indexing is a reflection of the standard of any journal. In order to be known as an authoritative and reliable source of scientific information and to stand out from among many other publications that are crowding the publishing space, journals must increase their visibility and readership. One of the ways by which journals can achieve this is by getting their publication indexed in one or more of the leading databases.

Why is indexing essential?

Indexing will help our journal achieve its main purpose of being accessible to a wider audience. Being accessible in turn will improve the journal's reputation as a reliable source of high quality information in our field. Database research is the first activity researchers undertake as a part of any study and they naturally look to established and well-known databases. Thus, being indexed in a known database in our field will help increase the journal's readership.

How does indexing work?

Once a journal is indexed by a database, it is immediately made available to all users of that database. Some databases index titles, some index full articles while some others index only the abstracts or references.

What are the prerequisites for getting the journal indexed?

Choose the right database. Understand the selection process followed by the database you have chosen. Ensure a company with multiple databases.

However, the journal must first have a regular supply of good quality scientific material, along with an exacting peer review system in place. If the members of the KOA ensure that they regularly convert their professional experience into written scientific matter, then there can be no dearth of material and

our publication can rise to national and international prominence. But if the current trend continues, of members not contributing to their home publication adequately, that will be a huge roadblock towards this attempt at rising up the ranks.

I therefore call out to all members to put your hearts and souls into it, and contribute regularly, actively and in a quality-driven manner to our publication. The indexing of our journal benefits us first and foremost, more than anyone else.

Jai Hind
Jai KOA