

A Time of Changes

Dear Readers,

With this first issue of the 2012 volume we introduce a new cover design.

The improvements, however, go well beyond the cover.

The journal has undergone important changes. An international editorial board was established and a standardized model for reviewers has been implemented. The lag in publication is narrowing, as we publish issue No. 1 of the 2012 volume in the same calendar year. We intend to publish issues No. 2 and No. 3 in 2012, and No. 4 in early 2013, maintaining the continuity of the journal and getting it out on time.

Over the course of the past year and a half we published a six-part series of scientific methodology articles emphasizing study design and basic statistical concepts. The series received praise from several readers, we hope it stimulates more submissions from our readers.

Access to the journal through the SOBRACIL website has been modernized and readers can now find issues from 2010 and 2011. Full versions of articles from these years can be downloaded, for free.

In light of the contributions being made by our new international editorial board, the national editorial board has been streamlined to focus on Brazilian scholars whose CVs are available on the LATTES platform. The vast majority have advanced post-graduate degrees. All these measures allow us to request indexation by Lilacs and Scielo, the first step towards the recognition of the journal by the National Counsel of Technological and Scientific Development (CNPq). Not an easy task, given the many requirements.

Following the global trend, we are in the final stages of adding tools to the SOBRACIL site that will permit on-line submission of manuscripts. Indeed, soon, the only way to submit manuscripts will be electronically. On-line forms will automatically detect some errors. We expect all this will expedite the review process, and get our authors' contributions published faster.

Improving this journal strengthens the Brazilian Society of Videosurgery. We need everyone's support!

Give us your feedback. Critiques. Engage.
Let's keep working together.

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