

Inaugural Editorial

Foreword

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This first issue of **JOURNAL of ANESTHESIA and PERIOPERATIVE MEDICINE (JAPM)** represents a major step toward internationalization for anesthesiology in China. Inasmuch as there was no journal in English devoted to anesthesiology in the mainland China, we believe that launching this journal will fill our long-felt want, and it is our sincere hope that this journal will build a strong relationship in the field of anesthesiology and perioperative medicine between China and other parts of the world. The name of **JAPM** was selected as that it most clearly represents today's scope of perioperative medicine based on anesthesiology, which has been advanced far beyond the limitation of concept and practice for traditional anesthesia.

JAPM, with no doubt, will mostly publish papers on medical research. Translational medical research is described as "4B": raising questions from Bedside; doing basic research on Bench; applying the research findings back to Bedside, and getting Better outcome. Researchers should not come back to Bedside from bench with bare hands, but with "4P": new Products, new Procedures, new Protocols, and/or new Proof for medical practice. Finally, new medical practice with "4P" must achieve "better outcome", represented as "4S": Save more life; Save higher quality of life; Satisfy more patients; and/or Save more medical resources. Hereby, I would like to illustrate the whole structure of translational medical research as: "4B + 4P → 4S". **JAPM** welcomes any papers from the process of "4B + 4P → 4S", especially those leading us to reach the "golden endpoints" for medical research, stated as "4S" as above.

JAPM, with this inaugural issue, makes its bow to the present position of anesthesiology as well

as its direction and scope for the future, i.e. anesthesiology based perioperative medicine. Transition from present anesthesiology to anesthesiology based perioperative medicine is mainly characterized by: 1. Transition from satisfying anesthesia safety to improving perioperative safety and long-term outcomes for all patients need anesthesia; 2. Transition from satisfying pain relieve for surgical procedures to anesthesiology-guided, multidisciplinary intensive pain management in whole hospital, named as "pain-free hospital". Years of investigation have already shown that these changes and transitions could be achieved by sharing information and close collaboration at a higher level among basic researchers, anesthesiologists, surgeons and other medical specialists. The intension of this journal is to provide useful information for these changes and transition to our society and the public.

JAPM is widely open its doors not just to contributors and readers in China, also to those from all over the world. We have all been very pleased that many international outstanding scientists and physicians as graciously accepted the responsibility for the journal as editors. On behalf of the Editorial Board, we welcome you to this inaugural and the following issues of **JAPM**, which is to be our means of peer-reviewed communication with each other. Submissions of all forms of articles, including original articles both in clinical and basic researches, reviews, case reports, articles from big-data-analysis, systematic review and meta-analysis are welcomed, and those recognized by our reviewers and Editorial Board will be accepted and published.

JAPM is glad to play an important role for education and training in anesthesia and perioperative medicine. Due to economic growth, in-

creased demands from our patients, and the expansion of anesthesiology to perioperative medicine, more and better trained young anesthesiologists and specialists for perioperative medicine are needed today. For example in the mainland China, it is estimated that surgical operations will be increased from 35 million in 2013 to more than 50 million by 2020. In addition, medical care for 14 million childbirth, 30 million outside operating room anesthesia cases and 10 million patients suffering chronic pain will be provided by the year 2020. Some articles presented within this journal's pages will be contributed by men and women who have devoted their lives to medical education and training. Through collaboration efforts and great strides made by our readers, contributors and board members, we cannot only achieve better out-

come for our patients, but, in so doing, certainly train more and better young physicians, scientists and physician-scientists for our patients.

We earnestly request frank suggestions and criticisms from our contributors and readers. Your continued contribution and cooperation will enable the journal to rapidly achieve its aims: to provide useful information to our society and the public; to train more qualified young physicians and scientists; to establish a comprehensive relationship for physicians, especially for anesthesiologists, between China and other countries; and ultimately to improve the long-term outcome for our patients.

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