

Editorial for Inaugural Issue of Journal of Peripheral Nerve Surgery (JPNS)



I am delighted to present the inaugural issue of the Journal of Peripheral Nerve Surgery (JPNS). My immediate thanks goes out to founder President and patron of Indian Society of Peripheral Nerve Surgery (ISPNS), Prof AK Mahapatra, Head of Neurosciences, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi. Prof AK Mahapatra is a living encyclopedia of the history and development of brachial plexus and peripheral nerve injury management in the Indian subcontinent and has been an invaluable personal and scientific resource for guiding the journal from initial planning to the first steps it is taking now.

This journal aims in promoting the knowledge, research, study, awareness on all aspects of peripheral nerves, including brachial plexus, lumbar plexus and all the other peripheral nerves. It brings Plastic surgeons, Neurosurgeons, Orthopedic surgeons, Hand surgeons and Hand therapists under one forum to have a multidisciplinary approach towards various peripheral nerve lesions.

Peripheral nerve injuries are challenging problem which, if untreated, result in a permanent disability. In the past, due to poor understanding of pathophysiology of nerve injuries, the results of repair were unpredictable. Our understanding of nerve regeneration, advances in microsurgical techniques of nerve repair, along with molecular biology of nerve injury, has helped to improve the overall results of peripheral nerve surgery. Despite this the outcomes of repair have still not reached its zenith, with only half of patients achieving useful nerve function. Current research in nerve injuries is challenging and newer modalities are under evaluation to further improve the results of nerve reconstruction.

I am very confident that the articles presented in this and subsequent issues will help in understanding the intricacies of peripheral nerve disorders. I thank our editorial board and our contributors and readers for their interest and efforts in advancing this worthy cause. I look forward to a most interesting future for Journal of Peripheral Nerve Surgery (JPNS) and for the Indian Society of Peripheral Nerve Surgery (ISPNS).

With warm regards

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