

Welcome to the September-December 2019, Volume 12, Number 3 issue of the World Journal of Laparoscopic Surgery. In this issue, we have many interesting articles. Longer life expectancies found in this century and increasing incidence of gallbladder stones with increasing age have resulted in a greater number of elderly patients being operated. In this issue, we have an article discussing the challenges of laparoscopic cholecystectomy in the elderly. Another good article is on port positions in cardiothoracic surgery is very important and, and another one on describing the principle behind correct port positions on cardiothoracic surgery. We also have information regarding laparoscopic ureterolysis without omentoplasty in the management of the uropathy secondary to idiopathic retroperitoneal fibrosis.

The year 2020 is ahead, and we are coming with some important enhancements. The first is that the journal will enable faster processing rate of the articles and give us scope to include more articles in a year. To get the best benefits out of this improvement, we encourage more practice-based articles, state-of-the-art content, and critical review articles. This will help us in scoring high in performance measures and moving up in journal-ranking lists.

Though the World Journal of Laparoscopic Surgery has a long history, and it continues to improve with time, we cannot ignore the importance ascribed to the ranking exercises. It is time for us to look at the WJOLS as a truly international publication of minimal access surgery and continue to work hard to help the journal in climbing up the ranking ladder.

Together we would work towards making this journal a truly influential publication. Comments, suggestions, and special issue proposals are always welcome.



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