

A foreword from the Editor-in-Chief

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Prof. Bellows received his MD from the Medical College of Pennsylvania and received his general surgery training at Tulane University. He joined Department of Surgery at University of Florida as an Assistant Professor of Surgery, then he was promoted to Associate Professor at Baylor University and then to Professor of Surgery and Vice Chair of Research at Tulane University. For 8 years, Prof. Bellows was the chief of General Surgery at both Tulane University and the University of New Mexico. His clinical interests have mainly focused on minimally invasive gastrointestinal surgery as well as bariatric and hernia surgery. His research interests have mainly focused on cell-based therapies to treat various diseases. He successfully mentored and has been PI of several projects (including an NIH funded mentored award), collaborated with other researchers. He has authored over 100 scientific articles and 2 books. He has been serving as the Editor-in-Chief and the editorial boards of 10 leading national and international journals. Currently, he is involved in the clinical teaching supported by evidence-based surgery and scholarly activity for the students of the University of Colorado.

Greetings from the desk of your editor and welcome to the inaugural issue of *Mini-invasive Surgery*.

I feel both privileged and excited to be the Editor-in-Chief of this prestigious international peer-reviewed journal. *Mini-invasive Surgery* focuses on translational, clinical and outcomes research in all fields of surgery. We aim to publish articles that promote the greater exchange and dissemination of ideas, findings, novel techniques, and the utilization of new instruments and materials among experts in this discipline of minimally invasive surgery around the world. Our journal also aims to document specific clinical findings that may indicate new or alternative understanding of existing surgical techniques. The journal provides a global platform that deals with all extensive works and researches related

to all areas of minimally invasive surgery, endoscopy, treatment, and diagnosis. The journal welcomes submissions that possess significance and scientific excellence within the following topics: endoscopy and other minimally invasive procedures, including general surgery, urology, bariatric surgery, colorectal surgery, trauma surgery, breast surgery, transplant surgery, orthopedics, gynecology, vascular surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, neurosurgery, cosmetic surgery, and otolaryngology.

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In this issue, readers will find a diverse group of manuscripts. The features of the articles in this volume touch upon developments in the spectrum of activities related to the field of minimally invasive surgery as applied to areas of clinical research, surgical techniques, reviews and editorials relevant for improved clinical practice.

I hope the readers are making frequent use of this valuable resource and are finding it helpful in their clinical practice. We hope that this journal serves to stimulate a robust scientific understanding of minimally invasive surgery with the long-term aim of improving the health of the public. I would like to thank and

extend my gratitude to my co-editors, editorial board members, and reviewers, as well as the contributing authors for creating this first issue.

The Editorial Board and myself will continue to provide our readers with meaningful articles on the spectrum of minimally invasive surgery that are well written and up-to-date.

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