

# Editorial

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This issue is the fourth devoted to the principles underpinning the practice of trauma and orthopaedic surgery in the 4-year cycle of topics covered by this journal. In this cycle the Editorial Board intended to cover the major topics that should be known by trainees preparing for final professional examinations. In addition, through the site-specific issues appearing between principles issues, the cycle should also update practising surgeons for a process of revalidation. Of course, the scope of potential material is very wide and judgements have to be made about which material should be covered in the 24 issues. The Board is guided by what is in the news, what are hot topics at

national and international meetings and also what is being asked in professional examinations; that is, what does the profession itself judge as important for its trainees to have comprehended and have available to use in their assessment of future clients?

The direction for the next 4-year cycle will be determined by developments in the profession itself. However, much of the basic science underpinning the practice of orthopaedics and trauma will change only slowly. The Board would therefore welcome the input of readers to help shape our next 4-year programme and this especially applies to the principles issues: what would *you* like to see covered? What have *you* found tricky to grasp that would benefit from consideration by an expert author? Your input is welcomed by the Editorial Board: please send your suggestions and feedback to the following email address: [orthopaedics.trauma@elsevier.com](mailto:orthopaedics.trauma@elsevier.com). ◆

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