



Editorial

Viewpoint, a new type of *Arthroplasty Today* manuscript

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Arthroplasty Today has published our first 2 Viewpoint manuscripts in the June 2019 [1] and September 2019 [2] editions.

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The paper by Pean et al [1], in the June edition, "Policy and ethical considerations for the widespread utilization of generic orthopedic implants," represents a "pro and con" manuscript reviewing the use

of generic implants as a strategy to decrease implant expenditures in orthopedics. The authors present a detailed analysis of the economic, ethical, and regulatory factors that ought to be considered in a decision to introduce generic implants.

The September *Arthroplasty Today* Viewpoint paper by Hooper et al [2], "Total joint arthroplasty in the public hospitals of Port-au-Prince, Haiti: our experience," is a "summary" type manuscript outlining one thoughtful approach to orthopedic volunteerism in a developing nation. The authors present their approach to introducing new orthopedic services while focusing on a sustainable program of teaching that supports, rather than displaces, practicing Haitian surgeons. They also review the practical and ethical arguments of introducing a technology like arthroplasty (which is susceptible to infection failures) in a developing country that currently lacks state-of-the-art infection minimization medications, technologies, and strategies.

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