

The Launching

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With this issue of *The International Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Implants (JOMI)*, a new scientific publication concerned with implantology is introduced into the health care arena. The publisher recognizes the international development of implant technology application and has chosen this forum for the dissemination of current information on advancements in implantology and related sciences.

While various implant systems and materials have evolved in this modern era of health care, recent societal attitudes signal a demand for further improvement in reconstructive opportunities for patients with head and neck disability. New avenues of investigation have been precipitated from the fallout of space technology and its by-products. Implant science is undergoing a metamorphosis and there is increasing evidence that treatment results can be more predictable. *JOMI* is eager to share basic and clinical research reports, clinical applications of research and technology, symposia and conference proceedings, quality review papers, and educational matters related to the implant field.

An editorial staff of recognized professionals has been assembled to offer expertise and direction to the journal in a number of fields—biology and periodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, biomaterials, and prosthodontics. *JOMI* will not be limited to these areas, but potential authors whose primary interest lies therein are encouraged to provide the literary foundation for this periodical. The journal is unaffiliated and invites original manuscripts from the health care and related scientific communities.

All who are interested in implantology will find each issue an informative, high-quality contribution to the field's scientific literature. We are underway and we pledge the pursuit of excellence in serving you, our respected readers.

