Editorial

Burns Open journal

The quality of Burns continues to improve and the journal is now the leading source for communication related to burns. As a side effect of this success, the number of high quality submissions to Burns has expanded to the point that we have exceeded the capacity to publish all papers of potential interest to the readers of Burns. Therefore, the leadership of the International Society for Burn Injuries has created a new journal, Burns Open, as an open-access, peer reviewed sister journal. Burns Open will be an electronic-only journal that will be a resource for all who seek to publish on topics in burn care and research. Our goal is to focus on publishing articles related to the incidence and epidemiology of burns, burn disasters, investigation of underlying pathophysiology of injury, treatment of burn wounds and other skin conditions, rehabilitation and reconstruction, and outcomes of burn management. There will also be an additional focus on research related to nursing, occupational and physical therapy, aftercare/reintegration and prevention. In particular, case reports and limited case series will no longer be accepted in Burns but will be welcomed in Burns Open. The journal will publish clinical and bench studies, ideas and innovations, and description of techniques.

Burns Open will publish suitable material submitted by all professions involved in the care, treatment and prevention of burn injuries. Manuscript submissions are open to all who wish to communicate their findings in an open access venue that might be used for publication of studies requiring open access publication. Manuscripts published in Burns Open will be available to all free of charge.

As for any open access journal there will be a charge for submission. Accepted manuscripts will be published after the receipt of a fee of $2000.00 per full-length article or $750.00 per case report. Since this is the initiation of the journal the fee will be reduced by 30% for the first year (January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017) to $1400 per full-length article and $500 per case report. Since the journal serves the international community, any submission from a country of Hinari class A or B will have all fees waved. Learn more about Elsevier’s pricing policy: http://www.elsevier.com/openaccesspricing.

We look forward to building the strength of communication among burn providers and researchers through the launch of this new journal; the availability of both will create an even greater resource for those seeking to gain knowledge in all aspects of burn care.

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