

From the Editor's Desk

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In our second nontheme issue of 2013, we present a diverse and interesting selection of contributions. We start with 3 of our quarterly columns. Dr Indranill Basu Ray presents current research updates that may change clinical practice, followed by Dr Joseph Breault, the chairman of Ochsner's Institutional Review Board, who discusses the ethics of chart review. This section concludes with "Clinical Images" of a significant pediatric problem: H-type tracheoesophageal fistulas.

Next, we are grateful to have the reflections of one of our respected senior physicians, Dr Edward Frohlich, on his impressive career and the contributions of his teachers, mentors, and role models. This editorial reminds us of the many individuals who have impacted our careers and the debt we can repay by supporting our colleagues and trainees.

The original research section contains several articles: an assessment of preoperative axillary staging, the effects of thiamine on cardiac function, a pilot study of pulsed Doppler as an indicator of compartment syndrome, the role etiology plays in enterocutaneous fistula outcome, and restorative proctocolectomy.

The next section has articles that review anesthetic considerations in robot-assisted gynecologic surgery, concepts of opioid prescribing, and serotonin syndrome.

Our next section includes a number of interesting case reports, followed by a "Guess the Case" challenge.

We conclude with several letters to the editor. The editorial board thanks our reviewers and contributors for their efforts and hopes our readers continue to find the contributors' submissions useful and interesting.