# PELVIPERINEOLOGY

# **CONTENTS**

# **EDITORIAL**

Wide-bore polyester suture ligament repair- a low-cost solution to the aged incontinence crisis?

Peter PETROS

# **ORIGINAL ARTICLES**

- 51 Sexual functioning after total abdominal hysterectomy or total laparoscopic hysterectomy in climacteric women

  Elif YAZICI TEKELİ, Seda AKGÜN KAVURMACI, Cenk Mustafa GÜVEN, Dilek UYSAL
- Female sexual behaviour and perception during pregnancy:
  A questionnaire-based study

  Ayavar Cem KEÇE, Demet AYDOĞAN KIRMIZI, Fatma COŞAR, Emre BAŞER,
  Ahmet Akın SİVASLIOĞLU
- Configuration, geometry, and presence of defect in the pelvic floor muscles of women with apical pelvic organ prolapse

  Merve BİÇER, İbrahim KARACA
- The relationship of abnormal anorectal angle with urinary incontinence in women asymptomatic for fecal incontinence Utku ÖZGEN, Derya KILIÇ

# **REVIEW**

74 Pathological physiology of the anorectal malformations without visible fistula. A short review

Michael LEVIN

# **CASE REPORT**

Uterine prolapse management in two primigravid women after vaginal delivery: Case report

Aytai JAFARZADE

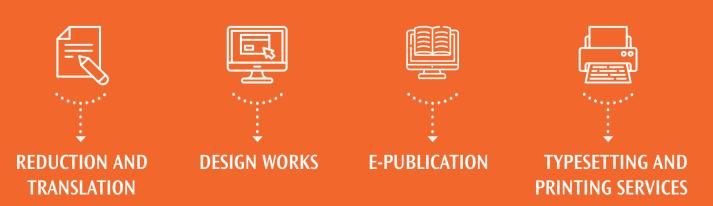
2023

Volume: 42 Issue: 2 August





- >> PROFESSIONAL APPROACH TO ACADEMIC PUBLISHING
- >> SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL INDEXING SYSTEMS
- >> PROVIDING CONSULTING SERVICES TO MANY INDEXES
- >> INDEX DATABASES WE COLLABORATE WAME, ICMJE, CSE, EASE, COPE
- >> CONDUCTING STUDY ANALYSES



# **EDITORIAL BOARD**

# **Editor in Chief**

# Ahmet Akın Sivaslıoğlu

Private Clinic, Head of Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, İzmir, Türkiye akinsivaslioglu@gmail.com 0000-0003-3711-0118

# **Associate Editors**

# Eray Çalışkan

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Okan University School of Medicine, İstanbul, Türkiye dreraycaliskan@yahoo.com 0000-0002-6799-5909

# Kemal Güngördük

Clinic of Gynecologic Oncology, Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University Training and Research Hospital, Muğla, Türkiye drkemalgungorduk@gmail.com 0000-0002-2325-1756

# **Section Editors**

# Andrea Ambrosetti

Specialization in Psychotherapy, Hypnotherapy Clinical Sexologist Freelance, Pozzo, Italy ambrosetti@virgilio.it andrea.ambrosetti@ordinepsicologiveneto.it 0000-0002-5044-0851

# Gabriele Bazzocchi

University of Bologna | UNIBO · Montecatone Rehabilitation Institute - Gastroenterology and Internal Medicine, Bologna, Italy bazzocchi@montecatone.com 0000-0002-6739-0934

# Maria Angela Cerruto

University of Verona, Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria Integrata Verona, Department of Urology, Verona, Italy mariaangela.cerruto@univr.it 0000-0002-1793-2336

## Stergios K. Doumouchtsis

Institute of Medical and Biomedical Education, St George's, University of London, London, UK sdoum@yahoo.com
0000-0002-0404-6335

### Andrea Garolla

Department of Andrology, University of Padova, Padova, Italy andrea.garolla@unipd.it 0000-0003-4736-9051

## **Donatella Giraudo**

Clinic of Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation, Urology San Raffaele Turro Hospital, Milan, Italy giraudo.donatella@hsr.it 0000-0002-3807-0317

### **Oscar Horky**

Clinic of, Sexology, Illawarra Family Medical Centre, Wollongong, Australia horky609@live.com.au

# **Marek Jantos**

Chronic Pelvic Pain, Behavioral Medicine Institute of Australia, Australia marekjantos@gmail.com

# 0000-0003-2302-5545 **Gianfranco Lamberti**

Spinal Unit, Azienda USL, Piacenza, Italy gianfrancolamberti@icloud.com 0000-0002-3288-5275

## Vittorio Piloni

Clinic of Imaging, Diagnostic Imaging Centre "N. Aliotta" Villa Silvia, Ancona, Italy vittorio.piloni@libero.it 0000-0003-2447-3825

# Gökmen Sukgen

Female Genital Aesthetic, Dr. Gokmen Sukgen Clinic, İstanbul, Türkiye sukgeng@gmail.com 0000-0002-1597-2799

# Simona Ascanelli

Clinic of General Surgery, University Hospital Ferrara, Ferrara, Italy 0000-0002-1423-8576 ass@unife.it

Editorial Office: International Society for Pelviperineology e-mail: editorinchief@pelviperineology.org

Quarterly journal of scientific information registered at the Tribunale di Padova, Italy n. 741 dated 23-10-1982 and 26-05-2004

The journal is property of the International Society for Pelviperineology



Address: Molla Gürani Mah. Kaçamak Sk. No: 21/1 34093 İstanbul, Türkiye Phone: +90 (212) 621 99 25 Fax: +90 (212) 621 99 27 E-mail: info@galenos.com.tr/ yayin@galenos.com.tr Web: www.galenos.com.tr Publisher Certificate Number: 14521

**Publisher Contact** 

Printer: La Grafica Faggian, Via F. Severi 2/4 Campodarsego (Padova) IT E-mail: comm@lagraficafaggian.it Printing Date: August 2023

International scientific journal published quarterly.

ISSN: 1973-4905 E-ISSN: 1973-4913

**Official Journal of the:** International Society for Pelviperineology (www.pelviperineology.com)

Associación LatinoAmericana de Piso Pelvico Perhimpunan Disfungsi Dasar Panggul Wanita Indonesia

The Israeli Society of Urogynecology and Pelvic Floor

Romanian Uro-Gyn Society Urogynecology Society (Türkiye)

# PELVIPERINEOLOGY

Rivista Italiana di Colon-Proctologia Founded in 1982

# **EDITORIAL BOARD**

# **Scientific Advisory Board**

# **Burghard Abendstein**

Gynaecology, LKH Feldkirch Carinagasse 47 Feldkirch 6800, Austria

burghard.abendstein@lkhf.at 0000-0003-1000-2088

## Diana Badiu

Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Faculty of Medicine, Ovidius University dianabadiu@yahoo.com 0000-0002-4040-2261

# Elvira Barbulea Bratila

Gynaecology, UMF Carol Davila Calea Floreasca 14A București 14452, Romania elvirabratila@hotmail.com 0000-0002-2979-3433

# Antonella Biroli

Recovery and Functional Rehabilitation Hospital Unit – Chief, ASL Città di Torino, Turin - Italy biran@virgilio.it 0000-0001-5833-6816

# **Cornel Petre Bratila**

Excelence Center in Urogynecology (SRC accreditated) Euroclinic Hospital Bucharest, Romania pbratila49@yahoo.com 0000-0003-4517-0014

# Mauro Cervigni

Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery, Dept. Urology, "La Sapienza" Univ.-Polo Pontino, ICOT-Latina, Italy mauro.cervigni@libero.it 0000-0003-4071-4393

# **Michel Cosson**

University Hospital Lille, Hospital Jeanne de Flandres, 59037 CHU Lille, Lille, France Michel.COSSON@CHRU-LILLE.FR 0000-0002-2285-8492

# **Shuking Ding**

Northwestern Health Science University, Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine School, Clinical Adjunct Professor, USA 896395963@qq.com njgczx@gmail.com 0000-0002-5875-8629

# **Traian Enache**

Obstetrics and Gynecology University Hospital of Obstetrics and Gynecology "Prof. Dr. Panait Sarbu" Calea Giulesti, Nr. 3-5, Sector 6 Bucharest 060274, Romania dr.traianenache@gmail.com 0000-0002-3585-2946

# Darren M. Gold

Senior Lecturer, Dept Surgery, St Vincent's Clinical School, Sydney, Australia dandjgold@gmail.com d.gold@unsw.edu.au 0000-0003-4478-9747

## Dirk G. Kieback

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, HELIOS Medical Center, Altenwalder Chaussee 10 Cuxhaven 27474, Germany dirkkieback@hotmail.de 0000-0001-8651-9353

# Filippo La Torre

Colorectal Surgery, Italy, Professor of Surgery, Sapienza Rome University filippo.latorre@uniroma1.it 0000-0002-0787-8794

### Michael D. Levin

Department of Pediatric Radiology of the 1-st State Hospital, Minsk, Belarus nivel70@hotmail.com 0000-0001-7830-1944

## **Bernhard Liedl**

Reconstructive Urogenital Surgery, Pelvic Floor Centre Planegg, Planegg Urology Clinic, München-Planegg, Germany liedl@bbzmuenchen.de - bernhard.liedl@t-online.de 0000-0002-2646-823X

# Naama Marcus Braun

Urogynaecology, Israel Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, Ziv Medical Center, Safed, Israel naama.m@ziv.health.gov.il 0000-0002-8320-285X

# **Menahem Neuman**

Urogynecology, Ben Gurion University, 7 Teena St. Carmei-Yofef, 9979700, Israel menahem.neuman@gmail.com 0000-0003-0934-4240

## Paulo Palma

Division of Urology, UNICAMP Rua Jose Pugliesi filho 265 Campinas 13085-415, Brazil ppalma@uol.com.br prof.palma@gmail.com 0000-0001-5634-8370

# **Peter Petros**

University of Western Australia School of Mechanical and Mathematical Engineering, Perth WA, Australia pp@kvinno.com 0000-0002-9611-3258

# **Giulio Santoro**

Head, Tertiary Referral Pelvic Floor Center, II°Division of General Surgery ULSS2 Marca Trevigiana Treviso 31100, Italy gasantoro@ulss.tv.it giulioasantoro@yahoo.com 0000-0002-0086-3522

# Salvatore Siracusano

Ospedale Mazzini di Teramo L'Aquila University Teramo 64100, Department of Urology, Italy salvatore.siracusano@univr.it 0000-0002-1709-9823

Rivista Italiana di Colon-Proctologia Founded in 1982

# **EDITORIAL BOARD**

# Marco Soligo

Obstetric and Gynecological Department, Azienda Socio Sanitaria Territoriale di Lodi (ASST – Lodi), Piazza Ospitale, 10 - 26900 Lodi, Italia marcosoligo@fastwebnet.it 0000-0003-4586-3195

# Jean Pierre Spinosa

Specialist Gynecology and Obstetrics FMH, Clinic Montchoisi and Clinic Cecil, Rue des Terreaux 2 1003, Lausanne, Switzerland spinosa@deckpoint.ch 0000-0002-8872-8850

## Michael Swash

Professor of Neurology emeritus, Barts and the London School of Medicine, QMUL, UK
Professor of Neurology, Institute of Neuroscience
(Neurophysiology), University of Lisbon, Portugal
Consulting Neurologist, Barts Health NHS, Royal London
Hospital, London
mswash@btinternet.com
0000-0002-8717-8914

# Peter Von Theobald

Head of Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at CHU felix Guyon Saint Denis Réunion, Reunion Island, France vontheobald@gmail.com 0000-0002-3588-2993

# Florian Wagenlehner

Head of Department of Urology, Pediatric Urology and Andrology, Justus-Liebig-University, Giessen, Germany wagenlehner@aol.com
0000-0002-2909-0797

# Adi Y. Weintraub

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Soroka University Medical Center, Beer Sheva, Urogynaecology, Israel adiyehud@bgu.ac.il 0000-0002-4239-8665

# Qingkai Wu,

The Sixth People's Hospital Affiliated to Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine Urogynaecology, P.R. China angelh2@163.com 0000-0002-3672-9667

# Anastasiya Zaytseva

Saint-Petersburg State University Clinic of Advanced Medical Technologies, St Petersburg, Russia zaytseva-anast@mail.ru 0000-0002-8763-6188

# Jorgen Quaghebeur

Flanders International College of Osteopathy: Deurne, Antwerp, Belgium jorgen@osteoplus.eu 0000-0002-3776-5969

# Ion-Andrei Müller-Funogea MD, PhD

Pelvic Floor Unit, St.-Antonius-Hospital, Dechant-Deckers-Str. 8,52249 Eschweiler, Germany andrei.muellerfunogea@gmail.com

0000-0001-5032-9339

# **Founding Editors**

# Giuseppe Dodi

Università di Padova, Alta Specializzazione Chirurgia Pavimento Pelvico, Italy giuseppe.dodi@unipd.it 0000-0002-8683-5468

# **Bruce Farnsworth**

Sydney Adventist Hospital, Gynaecology, New South Wales, Sydney, Australia drbruce505@gmail.com 0000-0002-5913-4850

# **Past Editors**

# **Jacob Bornstein**

Galilee Medical Center and Faculty of Medicine of the Bar Ilan University 89 Nahariya-Cabri Ramat-Gan, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Israel mdjacob@gmail.com 0000-0003-1932-5270



# Alleviates symptoms of Bladder Pain Syndrome (BPS)

Decreases the intensity of pathological bladder neuroinflammation







Sterile single-use Medical Device for intravesical instillation.



Pelviperineology is a quarterly published, international, double-blind peer reviewed journal dedicated to the study and education of the pelvic floor as one integrated unit. The publication frequency is 3 times a year (April, August, December) in every 4 months. The core aim of Pelviperineology is to provide a central focus for every discipline concerned with the function of the bladder, vagina, anorectum, their ligaments, muscles and female cosmetic surgery.

Pelviperineology publishes original papers on clinical and experimental topics concerning the pelvic floor diseases in the fields of Urology, Gynaecology and Colo-Rectal Surgery from a multidisciplinary perspective. In the published articles, the condition is observed that they are of the highest ethical and scientific standards and not have commercial concerns. Studies submitted for publication are accepted on the condition that they are original, not in the process of evaluation in another journal, and have not been published before. All submitted manuscripts must adhere strictly to the following Instructions for Authors.

### MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION

Manuscript and illustrations must be submitted via <u>Manuscript Manager</u>. This enables rapid and effective peer review. Contributions will be acknowledged automatically by the Editors. Full upload instructions and support are available online from the submission site. Please read the Authors Instructions carefully before sending your contribution.

Cover Letter: The author, in this letter, should imply a short explanation of their research or writing, the type of the study (random, double-blind, controlled, etc.), the category it is sent for, and whether it has been presented in a scientific meeting or not, in details. Additionally, the address, phone, fax numbers, and e-mail address of the person for contact about the writing should be present at the lower pole of the letter.

The **ORCID** (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) number of the correspondence author should be provided while sending the manuscript. A free registration can create at <a href="http://orcid.org">http://orcid.org</a>.

Agreements: All manuscripts must carry a written statement that the submitted article is original and has never been submitted for publication to any other journal, nor has it ever been published elsewhere, except as an abstract or as a part of a lecture, review, thesis. Each author must read and sign the statements on Authorship Responsibility, Informed Consent, Criteria, and Contributions, Reporting of Conflicts of Interest and Funding & Copyright Transfer/Publishing Agreement electronically by clicking the confirmation link on Manuscript Manager while they are submitting their manuscripts. The corresponding author also must sign the Acknowledgment Statement section via the link on Manuscript Manager during the submission process.

**Editorial Line**: The journal welcomes articles that may update non-specialists in this field, such as internal medicine physicians, family doctors, neurologists, etc., about conditions of general interest involving the pelvic floor and being resolved thanks to a multidisciplinary approach. The ideal article for Pelviperineology should be clear. Its sections should describe precisely the methodology of the study and the statistical methods; illustrations must be of good quality. In highly specialized topics, an easily understandable abstract, a good introduction, and a correct sections distribution are particularly appreciated.

Pelviperineology, despite being an open access journal, does not ask for any financial contribution to the Authors of articles accepted for publication. Pelviperineology is almost entirely funded by sponsors and advertisers that do not affect the Editorial choices and the published content. Advertising is fully and clearly separated from the articles. Material accepted for publication is copy-edited and typeset. Proofs are then sent to contributors for a final check, but extensive changes to the proofs may be charged to the contributors. For each submission, at least 2 reviewer

suggestions are required on the online article system.

### **EDITORIAL BOARD**

The Editorial Board guides the journal. The updated list of the editorial board members can be reached at Pelviperineology Editorial board page. **Prof. Ahmet Akın Sivaslıoğlu** is the Editor in Chief of Pelviperineology.

### **PUBLICATION POLICY**

Submission is considered on the condition that papers are previously unpublished, are not offered simultaneously elsewhere, that all Authors (defined below)

have read and approved the content, that Authors have declared all competing interests, and the work has been conducted under internationally accepted ethical standards after relevant ethical review. Whenever these are relevant to the content being considered or published, the Editors and Editorial board declare their interests and affiliations.

### ETHIC

Manuscripts concerned with human studies must contain statements indicating that informed, written consent has been obtained, that studies have been performed according to the World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki and that a local ethics committee has approved the procedures. If individuals might be identified from a publication (e.g. from images), Authors must obtain explicit consent from the individual. Authors should indicate whether the institutional and national guide for the care and use of laboratory animals was followed when reporting experiments on animals. A signed statement of informed consent to publish (in print and online) patient descriptions, photographs, video, and pedigrees should be obtained from all persons (parents or legal guardians for minors) who can be identified in such written descriptions, photographs, or pedigrees and should be indicated in the Acknowledgment section of the manuscript. Such persons should be shown the manuscript before its submission. If identifying characteristics are altered to protect anonymity, such as in genetic pedigrees, authors should provide assurance that alterations do not distort scientific meaning, and Editors should note it.

### **DISCLOSURES**

All Authors are responsible for the scientific quality, accuracy, and ethics of the work. Authors are required to disclose interests that might appear to affect their ability to present or review data objectively. These include (but are not limited to) relevant financial (for example, patent ownership, stock ownership, consultancies, speaker's fees), personal, political, intellectual, or religious interests. Authors should describe the study sponsor's role, if any, in study design, collection, analysis, and interpretation of data; writing the report; and the decision to submit the report for publication. If the supporting source had no such involvement, the authors should state it. Biases potentially introduced when sponsors are directly involved in research are analogous to methodological biases. All Authors must provide details of any other potential competing interests of a personal nature that readers or Editors might consider relevant to their publication. Pelviperineology takes no responsibility for the Authors' statements. The manuscripts, once accepted, become the property of the journal and cannot be published elsewhere without the written permission of the journal.

### **AUTHORSHIP**

As stated in the Uniform Requirements, credit for Authorship requires substantial contributions to

- the conception and design or analysis and interpretation of the data,
- the drafting of the article or critical revision for important intellectual content, and
- final approval of the version to be published.

Any change in authors hip after submission must be approved in writing by all Authors.

# **ASSURANCES**

In appropriate places in the manuscript, please provide the following items:

- If applicable, a statement that the research protocol was approved by the relevant institutional review boards or ethics committees and that all human participants gave written informed consent.
- The identity of those who analyzed the data.
- For clinical trials, the registration number and registry name.

### PEER REVIEW PROCESS IN BRIEF

Submitted manuscripts are subjected to double-blind peer-review. The manuscript submission and Editorial review process are as follows:

An Author submits a manuscript. The manuscript is assigned to an Editor. The Editor reviews the manuscript and makes an initial decision based on manuscript quality and Editorial priorities, usually either to send the manuscript to Peer Reviewers or to reject the manuscript so that the author can submit it to another

journal. For those manuscripts sent to Peer Reviewers, the Editor decides based on Editorial priorities, manuscript quality, reviewer recommendations, and perhaps discussion with fellow Editors. At this point, the decision is usually to request a revised manuscript, reject the manuscript, or provisionally accept the manuscript. The decision letter is sent to the author. Only manuscripts that strictly adhere to Instructions for Authors will be evaluated. Contributions are accepted on the basis of their importance, originally, validity and methodology. Comments of Peer Reviewers may be forwarded to the Author(s) in cases where this is considered useful. The Author(s) will be informed whether their contribution has been accepted, refused, or if it has been returned for revision and further review. The Editor reviews all manuscripts prior to publication to ensure that the best readability and brevity have been achieved without distortion of the original meaning. The Editors reserve the right to reject an article without review.

**Statistical Editing:** All retrospective, prospective and experimental study articles should be evaluated biostatistically and should include appropriate planning, analysis and reporting. The p value should be clearly stated in the text (eg p=0.014). Statistical Editor reviews only pertinent manuscripts considered for publication. If both the study design and data presented are considered statistically acceptable, the statistical reviewer may suggest acceptance of the manuscript to the responsible Editor. Any methodological and statistical issue detected during the statistical review is addressed to the Authors for clarification. The final acceptance of the paper is contingent on the clarifications made by the Authors according to the statistical reviewer's suggestions.

**Language:** The official language of the journal is English. All spelling and grammatical errors in submitted articles are corrected by the editor without changing the submitted data. Writing text for spelling and grammar rules is the responsibility of the authors.

**Copyright Transfer:** In order to notify the copyright transfer, the authors must fill in the <u>copyright transfer form</u> in accordance with the instructions on the <u>relevant page</u>. No fee is paid to the authors for the articles.

**Plagiarism:** All manuscripts submitted to the journal are screened for plagiarism using the 'iThenticate' software. Results indicating plagiarism may result in manuscripts being returned or rejected. This journal does not accept articles that indicate a similarity rate of more than 15%, according to iThenticate reports.

# **ARTICLE TYPES**

**Review Articles:** Extent investigation writings including the latest national and worldwide literature about pelvic floor diseases. The review article should be qualified to shed light on a new or controversial area. The journal editor may request the author or authors for review writing. At most include 6000 words, 10 tables and 30 references should be included.

**Original Articles:** Original articles report the results of fundamental and clinical studies or clinical trials. References and summary are required (see writing preparation section). At most 4000 words, 6 tables and/or figures, additionally abstract and references. Ethics committee approval should be mentioned in the study.

Case Reports: The journal publishes case reports of significant importance in the pelvic floor diseases. For the manuscripts sent to this part, we are looking for the clinical cases that are infrequently reported in scientific previously, unreported clinical reflections or complications of a well-known disease, unknown adverse reactions of known treatments, or case reports including scientific messages that might trigger further new research, preferably. Case reports should be consist of five sections: an abstract, an introduction with a literature review, a description of the case report, a discussion that includes a detailed explanation of the literature review, and a brief summary of the case and a conclusion. It should include at most 2000 words (8 double-spaced pages), 15 or fewer references, and three tables or pictures.

**Letter to the Editor:** These are the articles that include opinions and solution advice about the pelvic floor, and comments about the articles published in the Pelviperineology or other journals. At most 1500 words (6 double-spaced pages), additionally, references should be included.

Preparation of review articles, systematic reviews, case reports, and original articles must comply with study design guidelines:

### **CHECKLISTS**

The presentation of the article types must be designed in accordance with trial reporting guidelines:

Human research: Helsinki Declaration as revised in 2013

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses: PRISMA guidelines

Case reports: the CARE case report guidelines

**Clinical trials: CONSORT** 

Animal studies: ARRIVE and Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals

### PREPARATION OF THE MANUSCRIPT

Text, illustrations, tables etc. must be submitted via Manuscript Manager. Please read Instructions To Authors carefully before sending your contribution.

**Text:** Please ensure that you have removed any reviewing notes from your manuscripts. The manuscript should be entered or pasted in the Manuscript Manager.

**Tables**: Tables submitted as photographs or graphics will be rejected, and this delays the submission process. The layout should be as simple as possible with no shading or tinting.

**Figures:** Illustrations should be professionally produced and of a standard suitable for reproduction in print. You are required to upload high-resolution graphics files (minimum 600 dpi). Figures should be supplied as PNG (.png), GIF (.gif) or JPG .jpg); labeled combination or charts/ graphs/ diagrams (line) can be supplied as a PNG or GIF format. Figures and tables must be uploaded separately. They should not be embedded into the text. Only images relating to the text may be used. The identity of any individual in a photograph or illustration should be concealed unless written permission from the patient to publish is supplied. Legends must be typed on a separate page. Each table and illustration must be cited in the text in consecutive order.

<u>Reviews</u> should be divided onto the following sections and appear in the following order:

- title page (with Title, Authors names and affiliations),
- · abstract and keywords,
- · body of the article,
- · references;
- · acknowledgments and disclosures,
- figures,
- · figure legends,
- tables.

<u>Systematic Reviews</u> should be divided onto the following sections and appear in the following order:

- TITLE
- ABSTRACT

Structured summary

INTRODUCTION

Rationale

Objectives

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

- 1. Protocol and registration
- 2. Eligibility criteria
- 3. Information sources
- 4. Search
- 5. Study selection
- 6. Data collection process
- 7. Data items
- 8. Risk of bias in individual studies
- 9. Summary measures
- 10. Synthesis of results
- 11. Section/topic
- 12. Risk of bias across studies
- 13. Additional analyses

### RESULTS

- 1. Study selection
- 2. Study characteristics
- 3. Risk of bias within studies
- 4. Results of individual studies
- 5. Synthesis of results
- 6. Risk of bias across studies
- 7. Additional analysis

### DISCUSSION

- 1. Summary of evidence
- 2. Limitations

# CONCLUSION

# DISCLOSURES

Case Reports should be divided onto the following sections and appear in the following order:

- · Title page
- Abstract and keywords
- Introduction
- Case report
- Discussion
- · References
- Figures and tables

<u>Original articles</u> should be divided into the following sections and appear in the following order:

**Title Page:** The title page provides the complete title and a running title (not to exceed 55 characters and spaces). List each contributor's name and institutional affiliation. The corresponding author is the contributor responsible for the manuscript and proofs. This is the person to whom all correspondence and reprints will be sent. The corresponding author is responsible for keeping the Editorial office updated with any change in details until the paper is published.

# **Abstract and Keywords**

The abstract must not exceed 250 words. It should summarize the aim of the study and describe the work undertaken, results and conclusions. Abstract must follow the format below:

- \* Objectives: A sentence indicating the problem and the objective of the study;
- $\ensuremath{^{*}}$  Materials and Methods: One or two sentences reporting the methods;
- \* Results: A short summary on the results, detailed enough to justify the conclusions. Avoid writing "the results are presented" or "... discussed";

\* Conclusion: A sentence with the conclusions.

In addition, you should list up to five keywords in alphabetical order.

The body of the article should be divided into the following sections:

**Introduction:** Clearly state the objective of the study. Give only strictly relevant references and don't review their topics extensively. The Introduction should briefly discuss the objectives of the study and provide the background information to explain why the study was undertaken and what hypotheses were tested.

Materials and methods: Clearly explain the methods and the materials in detail to allow the reader to reproduce the results. Animal preparation and experimentation should cite the approving governing body. Equipment and apparatus should cite the make and model number and the company name and address (town, county, country) at first mention. Give all measurements in metric units. Use generic names of drugs. Symbols, units and abbreviations should be expressed as Système International (SI) units. In exceptional circumstances, others may be used, provided they are consistent. Apply to the Editorial office for advice.

**Results:** Results must be presented in a logical sequence with text, tables and illustrations. Underline or summarize only the most important observation. Tables and text should not duplicate each other.

**Discussion:** This section should be concise. Emphasize only the new and most important aspects of the study and their conclusions. The Discussion should include a brief statement of the principal findings, a discussion of the validity of the observations, a discussion of the findings in light of other published work dealing with the same or closely related subjects, and a statement of the possible significance of the work. Authors are encouraged to conclude with a brief paragraph that highlights the main findings of the study.

Acknowledgements and disclosures: Authors' duty to acknowledge funding sources, technical assistance, provision of materials or reagents, and other matters that might pertain to the paper. Authors must acknowledge individuals who do not qualify as Authors but who contributed to the research. Mention only those that give a substantial contribution. If an organization or industry-sponsored the work, it is essential to declare this, and the Authors need to indicate that they had complete access to the data supporting the publication. If a professional medical writer wrote the paper, this must be declared.

**Abbreviations:** Include in the manuscript a list of new or special abbreviations along with the spelt out form or definition. For commonly accepted abbreviations, word usage, symbols, etc., Authors are referred to the CBE Style Manual published by the American Institute of Biological Sciences or Units, Symbols and Abbreviations published by the Royal Society of Medicine.

**Tables:** Tables should be numbered consecutively within the text. Tables and text should not duplicate each other. Explain all abbreviations in a footnote. Provide a number and title for each table. Regardless of Authorship or publisher, permission must be received in writing for its use if a table has been previously published. Include an acknowledgement of the original source in a footnote. Tables should not be submitted as photographs or graphics files.

Figure and table legends: Cite all tables and figures in the text, numbering them sequentially as they are cited. Each figure must have a corresponding legend. The legend must be numbered with an Arabic number that corresponds to the illustration as it appears in the text. Legends to tables (where necessary) and figures should contain sufficient information to be understood without reference to the text. Explain all symbols, arrows, numbers, or letters used in the figure and provide information on the scale and/or magnification.

Supplementary material: Quantitative or qualitative data too extensive for inclusion in the print edition of the journal may be presented in the online edition as supplementary material. It must be included as part of the original submission and will be reviewed as an integral part of the paper. The availability of supplementary material should be indicated in the main manuscript, to appear after the references at the end of the paper, providing titles of figures, tables, etc. formatted as it should appear in the printed edition. We welcome audios and videos, if relevant to the paper. Full details on how to submit supplementary material available on request at <a href="mailto:editorialstaff@pelviperineology.org">editorialstaff@pelviperineology.org</a>.

### Limitations

Manuscript type	Author limit	Word limit	Abstract word limit	Reference limit	Table limit	Figure limit	Keyword limit
Original article	6	4000 words	250 words (structured)	30	6	6	6
Review	6	6000 words	250 words (structured)	100	N/A	10	6
Case Report	6	2000 words	100 words (structured)	15	3	3	6

References: Avoid using abstracts as references. References to papers accepted but not yet published should be designated as "in the press" or "forthcoming"; authors should obtain written permission to cite such papers as well as verification that they have been accepted for publication. Information submitted but not accepted manuscripts should be cited in the text as "unpublished observations" with written permission from the source. Avoid citing a "personal communication" unless it provides essential information not available from a public source, in which case the name of the person and date of communication should be cited in parentheses in the text. For scientific articles, obtain written permission and confirmation of accuracy from the source of personal communication. References in the text must be numbered in the order of citation. References in text, tables and legends must be identified with Arabic numerals in superscript. Unpublished works cannot be cited. We recommend the use of a tool such as a Reference Manager for reference management and formatting. Reference Manager reference styles can be searched here: http://www.refman. com/support/rmstyles.asp.

List all authors when six or fewer; when seven or more, list only the first three and add et al. Journal titles should be cited in full. The style of references and abbreviated titles of journals must follow that of Index Medicus or one of the examples illustrated below:

- \* MacRae HM, McLeod RS. Comparison of haemorrhoid treatment modalities: a metanalysis. Dis Colon Rectum 1995; 38: 687-94.
- \* Court FG, Whiston RJ, Wemyss-Holden SA, et al. Bioartificial liver support devices: historical perspectives. ANZ J Surg 2003; 73: 793-501.

**Committees and Groups of Authors:** 

\* The Standard Task Force, American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons: Practice parameters for the treatment of haemorrhoids. Dis Colon Rectum 1993; 36: 1118-20.

Cited paper:

\* Treitz W. Ueber einem neuen Muskel am Duodenum des Menschen, uber elastiche Sehnen, und einige andere anatomische Verhaltnisse. Viertel Jarhrsxhrift Prar. Heilkunde (Prager) 1853; 1: 113-114 (cited by Thomson WH. The nature of haemorrhoids. Br J Surg 1975; 62: 542-52. and by: Loder PB, Kamm MA, Nicholls RJ, et al. Haemorrhoids: pathology, pathophysiology and aetiology. Br J Surg 1994; 81: 946-54).

A chapter from a book:

- \* Milson JW. Haemorrhoidal disease. In: Beck DE, Wexner S, eds. Fundamentals of Anorectal Surgery. 1 1992; 192-214. 1a ed. New York: McGraw-Hill Books and Monographs:
- \* Bateson M, Bouchier I. Clinical Investigation and Function, 2nd edn. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications Ltd. 1981.

## AFTER ACCEPTANCE

**Article Tracking:** Authors can check the status of their articles online and will receive automated e-mails at key stages of production. Please ensure that a correct e-mail address is provided when submitting the manuscript.

**Proofs:** Proofs will be available as a PDF to download from Manuscript Manager or sent by e-mail. Full instructions will be sent via e-mail notification when the proof is ready for collection. Adobe Acrobat Reader or compatible software is required in order to read this file, which can be downloaded (free of charge) from <a href="http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readermain.html">http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readermain.html</a>. In your absence, please arrange for a named colleague to correct on your behalf. Major alterations will be charged to the author and can delay publication. Proofs must be returned only by e-mail within three days of receipt of notification. We cannot accept proofs by post - and any late return of proofs will lead to delayed publication of the paper. Authors will receive one set of proofs only.

**Offprints:** A PDF is provided upon publication to the corresponding author. Paper offprints can be purchased prior to print publication.

**Archiving Policy:** Unless specifically requested at submission, the publisher will dispose of all material submitted 2 months post-publication.

### **Publisher Information**

**Galenos Publishing House** 

Address: Molla Gürani Mahallesi Kaçamak Sokak No: 21/1 34093 Fındıkzade

Fatih/İstanbul, Türkiye **Phone:** +90 (212) 621 99 25 **Fax:** +90 (212) 621 99 27 **E-mail:** info@galenos.com.tr