

Dear Colleagues,

We sincerely wish the happy and healthy spring to all my colleagues and their families in 2019. We are happy to accomplish the second issue of 2019.

There are 10 clinical research articles in this issue. One of them is from our brother country, Azerbaijan which was about new technique for the surgical treatment of severe scoliosis. Second study is about multiple Ponte's osteotomies in rigid idiopathic scoliosis. In the third study, the importance of diffusion MRI in evaluation of vertebral metastases was reported. In fourth study, follow-up changes of the degenerative process with MRI after anterior cervical disc surgery is presented. In fifth article, surgical principles in posterior transpedicular screw fixation and fusion for treatment of spondylolisthesis are discussed. Sixth study is about the cervical disc herniation treated with PEEK cages. In the seventh study, the demographic and socioeconomic factors affecting recurrence of lumbar disc herniation is evaluated. Eighth study is about the effect of adding dynamic screws to upper fusion segment in patients with degenerative lumbar spine. In the next two article, the epidemiologic and clinical results of the traumatic fractures and complete dislocations (spondylopytosis) of the thoracic, thoracolumbar and lumbar spine are discussing.

In this issue, one case report about the spinal metastasis of colorectal carcinoma is reported.

Unfortunately, in this issue, there is no section of the "Frontiers of the Spinal Surgery" but we will continue this section in the next issue.

International Turkish Spine Congress will be held in 3-6 April 2019 in Izmir, Turkey. Foreign authors will also participate in this congress, and we are sure that scientific and social program of the congress will be held at a high level of satisfaction. Due to our regulations, existing President and members of administrative board of Turkish Spine Society who are in charge through 2017 till 2019 will step down and a new president and board members will be elected. We are grateful for the successful works done by the previous board members and we wish luck for the preceding newly elected board members.

We wish healthy, successful and peaceful spring to Turkish Spinal Surgery family and we present our deepest respects.

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