I trust you enjoyed the content in the Inaugural Issue of the Journal.

This Journal has been a couple of years in the making. It is the collective, voluntary, effort of many members of the Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences at University of Oxford. We are excited to launch it as we head towards a new decade.

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We will welcome new Guest Student Editors to the Journal on a yearly basis. They will be selected based on merit, through a competitive application process. These Guest Student Editors will have achieved the highest standard in their own written case study to warrant consideration.

We will rely on the ongoing support from the Surgical Tutors Office to assist with the submission process. For most medical students, submitting their work to a peer reviewed journal for the first time will be a challenging and yet rewarding experience. This can become a highlight of their medical training. A special thanks goes to Lucy Tipping and Jackie Heap for their role as the administrative officers to the Journal.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to present to you this Journal on the dawn of 2020. I look forward to receiving your input in the years to come!

Regent Lee
Managing Editor