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# Introduction to Mini-Review

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It is my distinct pleasure to announce the beginning of a mini-review section of the *Journal of Geriatric Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation*. Under the careful and expert leadership of our editor, Stephen Kates, we have been able to expand the journal to include this very necessary contribution to the literature. In this ever-expanding age of electronic access and immediate dissemination of information, often the topics most basic to our field lack adequate review in a short format. In this ever-expanding age of electronic access and information sharing, often the topics most basic to our field lack adequate review. Mini-reviews summarize the most salient concepts related to a topic while reporting the most relevant and current findings. Their short format allows easy digestion of those topics in the literature so that more practitioners can benefit from them.

In the field of geriatric orthopedics and rehabilitation, the need is ever greater for the mini-review format, as it allows for expansion of our literature to include topics that specifically deal with geriatric orthopedics and rehabilitation. We are planning topics spanning from geriatric trauma to spinal degenerative and traumatic conditions as well as topics discussing research methodology and bias.

We hope to allow this section of our journal to rise to the level of importance and contribution established by the other sections, and we encourage your feedback to help us refine our contributions to this end. We also invite contributions along the lines of the instructions for authors to the journal review section, and we thank you for your continued readership and support.

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