

INTRODUCTION

Neurosurgical international education

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EDUCATING the next generation of neurosurgeons is a great privilege and responsibility for our specialty. This evolving process will ensure that our patients who require neurosurgical treatment receive excellent care, no matter where they are in the world. In this issue of *Neurosurgical Focus*, we sought to solicit papers that highlighted differences and similarities in neurosurgical education and training across the world, including new educational tools and paradigms to reduce inequality and increase access to neurosurgical care.

This issue of *Neurosurgical Focus* meets our goal of featuring papers from all 5 continents that review different aspects of neurosurgical education, ranging from structure of and changes to the neurosurgery residency curriculum; challenges in harmonizing training across countries and geographical areas; advances in teaching using 3D printing, augmented reality, and simulation; involvement in international activities; concerns about residents' wellbeing; and engagement in the international activities of neurosurgical care providers.

The call for papers generated an extraordinary number of submissions, highlighting the avid interest of neurosurgeons in comparing and contrasting international educa-

tional models to strive for the global improvement of neurosurgical education. After the completion of manuscript submission and review, we believe this issue provides a comprehensive overview of this topic and will inspire all involved to continue our international collaborative efforts.

While no single issue of this journal can encompass the entire breadth of worldwide neurosurgical education and training, we hope this issue gives the readers a sense of the accomplishments to date and challenges for the future in promoting the education of the next generation of neurosurgeons in different regions of the world.

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