

## Towards a Decade of Publication

The final issue of 2009 marks nine years and approximately thirty issues of publication.

The mission of the Israeli Journal of Emergency Medicine is stated clearly in the journal website: to promote the dissemination of knowledge in emergency medicine, and ultimately improve the care of patients in Israel and in general. As emergency medicine is a new specialty in this country, the journal aspires to contribute to its development in all domains: clinical, education, research and administration. ISRJEM covers the entire spectrum of EM practice and all patient age groups.

Emergency medicine is growing in Israel. The specialty has witnessed growth from certification as a superspecialty, to certification with a pediatric emergency medicine track, and is now en route towards certification by both the Israel Medical Association and the Israeli Ministry of Health as a primary specialty.

The Israeli Journal of Emergency Medicine is similarly a prominent face of Israeli emergency medicine, now attracting a healthy volume of original writing from Israeli, European and North American clinicians.

The current issue of The Journal brings peer-reviewed original research, case reports and review articles spanning the broad specialty of emergency medicine. A focus on neurology provides both pediatric and adult EM perspectives on the management of headache. Sedik et al explore MRSA in the pediatric ED, and Antopolsky et al describe a life-threatening case of hemolysis subsequent to ingestion of a commonly used analgesic. In our trauma series, we describe an unusual but life-threatening complication of blunt chest trauma. Finally, Pakes and Keselman provide two distinct characterizations of the interface of public health and social responsibility.

With this issue we wish you continued health, safety and knowledge.

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