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JBMT is now MedLine indexed

On behalf of the entire JBMT editorial team I wish you a healthy, safe, and prosperous 2009.

For JBMT this is the start of a new phase—having recently heard the news that we have been accepted for indexing by MedLine. This acceptance validates the extremely hard work of many individuals, over a long period of time—and I need to gratefully thank JBMT's editorial team (past and present), our management, and all those who actively assisted us, in this ultimately successful application.

Being indexed in this way is a very important step forward, as it means that abstracts of whatever appears in the Journal (or has appeared, from issue 1 in 1996), will be available to all, without hindrance or cost, via PubMed and MedLine.

Obviously full-length papers will still only be available by subscription to JBMT, or via access to, and/or downloading from, ScienceDirect. However, the unrestricted availability of abstracts on MedLine/PubMed will be a boon to students, clinicians and researchers alike, whenever they seek information about the topics we all work with.

JBMT has now survived and grown steadily for 12 full years, and, as I hope has been evident to you in recent issues, it has evolved, while not losing sight of its primary purpose. This—as stated on the cover—is to present papers on practical issues in

musculoskeletal treatment and rehabilitation. The information we aim to offer—to therapists and practitioners of all schools—is as clinically relevant as we can make it.

This is why we start the New Year with a new section—*Prevention and Rehabilitation*, edited in this issue by Warrick McNeal PT. Editorship of this section will alternate between Warrick, and British osteopath/naturopath, and CHEK expert, Matt Wallden ND DO. This section will also carry the much admired regular series by Craig Liebenson DC, offering advice for clinicians and patients, in training and rehabilitation settings.

The range of topics in this issue of JBMT, from submitted papers, as well as those from the Fascia Congress (Boston, October 2007), offers a glimpse of its peer-reviewed scope: yoga, Pilates, PNF stretching, cycling, massage, equine assisted therapy, myofascial continuity, strain/counterstrain and trigger points, Gua sha, fascial manipulation and patellar tendinopathy, plus a paper on the South African “Bunkie” test....and more.

Where else can you find such variety?

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