

Why AORA requires an official journal of its own?

Aren't there enough any ways?

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*"Learning gives creativity, Creativity leads to thinking
Thinking provides knowledge, Knowledge makes you great."*

- A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Quotes are uniquely inspiring. It is a matter of great privilege and honour to pen this editorial in the pursuit of knowledge.

It feels very exciting to write about why the International Journal of Regional Anaesthesia, an official publication of "AORA" matters, what is its scope and play, and how the AORA really envisions it? I am certain by the end of this editorial this would be substantiated.

AORA is on a mission. The mission is to "Learn, Teach and Research Regional anaesthesia". A firm commitment to improve patients care through imparting the most scientific teaching and practise of Regional Anaesthesia (RA) in our country. Let's analyse how AORA plans and executes this mission. The answer of the question asked in the title lies in the understanding of how has regional anaesthesia evolved and what more needs to be built.

Without a doubt Regional Anaesthesia (RA) is one of the most fascinating speciality in Anaesthesiology. I am biased and remain to be so because in daily practise it has proven to bail us out from many tricky situations. RA remains the best tool we anaesthesiologist have toward patient's safety and comfort baring exceptional circumstances. The benefits of this modality are well documented in all age groups. From a preterm baby to an

ailing geriatric patient, all can be the beneficiaries of RA. Over decades, this subject has evolved from an art in the hands of select few to a systematic reproducible science. The equipment's too took a similar course. They ranged from the loss of resistance syringes to peripheral nerve stimulators to ultrasound machines. Every generation made regional anaesthesia more and more objective. Despite the rapid progress in this field, the speciality doesn't really have set itself as a subspecialty, if we really compare it with neuro anaesthesia, or cardiac anaesthesia here in India. As I see it, in our country, regional anaesthesia was taught and practised since many decades. Although the subject was recognized for its beneficial nature towards patients, there was and I am afraid still a dearth of systematic teaching. Well carved out syllabus, course and fellowships are the need of an hour. Off course, we have quite a few institutions which run these fellowship courses under the auspices of AORA and few other individual universities. AORA does have an onus of creating trainers and training centres in each zone of our country. Aspiring students and those practising consultants should have various well charted out tailor made options to acquire the skills they wish to in this subject. AORA has already taken concrete steps towards it. This is an

ongoing process, explaining the "Learn" and "Teach" aspect of the AORA mission. The mission to "Research" still remains to be worked upon. Let's narrow down on this aspect. It is my unequivocal opinion that for any subject and organisation to take a firm footing, research is inevitable. Certain precise questions have to be asked and answered for the overall progress of the subject. Interesting cases must be reported and experience gained from case series should be shared. This invites others to gain from the authors knowledge and experience. Under the supervision of astute editors, this becomes a perfect portal of knowledge. Being an official journal of AORA, our own Indian Journal, I am confident the lacunae that we face in this particular area shall get a boost. Secondly, this is exclusively dedicated to regional anaesthesia unlike any other journal in India.

I firmly believe the International Journal of Regional Anaesthesia, an official journal of AORA, shall strengthen the speciality in India. Taking the speciality ahead with precision and clarity. Needless to say this shall percolate finally into improved patient care standards, our ultimate aim. I hope we have found our answer to the very question this editorial has asked!

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