It’s time to celebrate the 25th issue of *Surgical Technology*. From issue one, this journal has captured the “Zeitgeist” of the happenings in the surgical world from the dawn of Minimally Invasive Surgery to the magic of Multislice Computerised Tomography, which forever changed the perspective from which we view human flesh and pathology.

As has been the case in the past, every issue of Surgical Technology opened a new vista to the future. This issue, and future issues, will make us again marvel at new technologies and interventions that will relegate some of our current knowledge to the realm of obsolescence.

But, then again, in the Microcosm where we operate as individuals, pearls of wisdom and little vignettes gleaned from reading this journal will stick and surreptitiously be introduced into our practices for the sole purpose of healing and comforting our patients; an action, which forms the basis of the Hippocratic Oath.

To emphasise my point, I can recall articles, some written by Marco Pelosi, in previous issues of the journal illustrating the use of soft wound retractors. This, I introduced into my practice with great aplomb and effect. Also, an article appearing in a previous issue, on Multislice Computerised Tomography used in Cardiology and Liver Transplantation, sparked my interest. This led us to develop a similar technique to diagnose and quantify rectogenital and disseminated endometriosis. A brief cameo on this development will appear in this issue and will hopefully progress diagnostics for this dreadful disease to a higher level.

I strongly encourage you to embrace this historical 25th Anniversary edition where a new world of knowledge and information awaits to refresh the keen scientist and concerned clinician.

Enjoy!

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