

## From the Editor-in-Chief

In 2004 we announced the birth of a new Journal, *Clinical Cases in Mineral and Bone Metabolism* (CCMBM). At the end of the sixth year of life CCMBM is proud of the work we have done.

The Journal is indexed in PubMed Central and it is available on line at the website: [www.ccmbm.com](http://www.ccmbm.com). In six years several thematic areas have been visited and all of them received a great plause from our 1800 readers. Submissions are increasing and the Journal is enjoying appreciation and visibility, with published reports being highly cited. The most important goal of the Journal, receiving good papers, has been reached.

The manuscripts published in this issue of CCMBM focus on various aspects of mineral and bone metabolism, with fourteen papers published as Mini-reviews, Original Articles and Case Reports.

The articles explore areas of therapy of osteoporosis: adherence, SARMs and isoflavones.

We are particularly pleased to have been able to include mini-reviews from orthopaedic experts, encompassing surgical and pharmacological advances in fragility fractures, vertebroplasty and kyphoplasty.

Also two original Case Reports referred to treatment of rare bone disorders have been collected.

To whet the appetite of mineral metabolism specialists, here are some highlights from this issue. It contains articles reflecting studies on magnesium disorders and hypercalciuria.

As you ask for more practical news and more insights in the field of translational science, we embraced this opportunity giving to our readers information on the advanced imaging techniques in bone fragility, the role of exercise in bone health and the prevention of bone disorders in oncologically diseased women.

Finally, a translation in Italian of an article recently published by a Working Group of the European Society on Clinical and Economic Aspects of Osteoporosis and Osteoarthritis will make possible the immediate comprehension of the management of hip fractured patients.

As always, CCMBM takes only responsibility for the editorial content and peer-review.

There are exciting issues for our Journal and appealing changes are going to be announced for 2010. CCMBM is capitalizing this excitement and the interest shown towards the Journal and its contents. I am confident that the Journal will continue to grow reaching an increasing interested audience of physicians with an interest in bone health.



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