

From the Editor-in-Chief

From 2004, year of the birth of *Clinical Cases in Mineral and Bone Metabolism (CCMBM)*, we made tremendous progress. The Journal is now indexed in PubMed and this is going to increase the visibility of the papers published since the beginning of this exciting adventure. In nine years several thematic areas have been visited, with a great plause from the scientific community.

Submissions are increasing and the reports are highly cited. The most important goal of the Journal receiving good papers, has been reached. The second goal, involving orthopedic specialists within and outside the OrtoMed Society has also been accomplished.

CCMBM is a unique forum where orthopedic surgeons confront with specialists in the field of bone and mineral metabolism. This number is a clear example of this multidisciplinary approach.

Prisco Piscitelli and colleagues introduced new insights in the analysis of drugs consumption in the Tuscany Region, offering a model for the analysis of administrative databases.

Alessandro Terreni and colleagues covered the important topic of biochemical markers of bone metabolism and their use in the phenotypic characterization of the osteoporotic patient.

The role of the immune system in the pathophysiology of osteoporosis is reviewed by Valentina Cagnetta and Vittorio Patella.

Umile Giuseppe Longo and colleagues introduced new insights in the diagnosis of musculoskeletal problems in soccer players.

The theme of the use of aromatase inhibitors in mammary cancer and the consequent osteoporosis is elegantly presented by Daniela Bosco.

Alessandro Franchi overviewed the epidemiology and classification of bone tumors.

Vitamin D is treated in three papers. One by Ivana Pela fully dedicated to children. The second one describing vitamin intoxication in a case series. The third one discussing the use of the association of alendronate and vitamin D in osteoporotic patients.

The area of rehabilitation is treated in the context of haemophilia, using a clinical case report by Patrizia Franco.

Finally, Francesco Tonelli is entertaining us with an original article dedicated to a hot topic, the one of hybrids and cybrids.

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

The aforementioned contents testimony the scientific relevance of the Journal of the young OrtoMed Society, whose mission is to update knowledge in the important area of metabolic and regenerative bone physiology and pathology.



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