

Editorial note for Annals of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery.

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Editorial

It is important that the information we receive is factual and scientifically based for progress in medicine. It is of supreme importance in this time of COVID 19 and the Pandemic.

Multiple series of questionable papers are being published in various Journals without the proper review processes. At this time it's as if all other diseases have ceased to exist. There are no reports on myocardial infarction or neoplasms for example. Now there are alarming reports of a high number of cardiac complications relating to this disease COVID 19 starting to emerge.

Our experience from our Institute has not confirmed this! We have examined our Olympic athletes who have experienced COVID 19 infections using cardiac imaging MRI before resuming their training. The results of these examinations were normal. This is why I have found the review process to be so important. Intense scrutiny is the basis of all scientific literature.

I remember my younger years in medicine when there was no internet (Google) and the main source of my information was from good scientific Journals.

I have practiced cardiac surgery for over 46 years. While practicing under the communist regime, my sole source of medical information from the Western World was from all the professional journals. The ability to travel to any worldwide

meetings was denied therefore my professional/personal contacts were virtually non-existent. My constant sources of information were Annals of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery which I read carefully as soon as it was available.

I had no idea that one day the leadership of my country, Czechoslovakia would change to a Democratic system. With the opening of borders, we could now travel to worldwide meetings. Nevertheless, the printed word and Journals like the annals remained my main source of information. This was not only for the scientific information but also the superb graphics! The annals always delivered the best of both worlds.

I would never have dreamed that one day I would become a contributor to this wonderful journal. I am certainly honored and will do my best to pay back a lifetime of debt to the Annals of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery. Thru this wonderful Journal, both my professional and academic careers have been greatly advanced.

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