Why a new journal?

We need The Canadian Journal of Plastic Surgery for several good reasons. Let me try to persuade you.

The time is right and we are big enough. With 400 plastic surgeons in Canada, we have the 'critical mass' to do this.

We have 100 papers per year presented at national meetings in Canada. Many of these are truly excellent and original but most will never be published. Even if we published 40% of these, that would give us a journal with 10 papers per issue four times a year.

These papers deserve to be published due to their excellent quality and for our pride of accomplishment.

We deserve our own journal. We can be proud of our work which ranks among the best in the world – except that our colleagues elsewhere do not hear from us very much. This journal will allow us to peer review our own papers and publish much more often than we have been doing up to now.

We need a journal that will give us the opportunity to communicate between ourselves better, by allowing us to study our colleagues’ work in detail.

Not only that – we need a journal for the same reason the founders of The Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons thought they should start the Society in 1947.

Hoyle Campbell said “With our own society we can have our own forum that would apply to the Canadian scene.” The same reason applies now.

Finally, our practice environment, medicare, malpractice, insurance, and Canadian public policy are all different from elsewhere and we need this journal to discuss them.

We need this journal to bring us closer together and to stimulate us.

Best of luck to The Canadian Journal of Plastic Surgery.

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