



On Abstracts and Editorial Changes



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A dictionary definition of abstract is “to do with or existing in thought rather than matter, or in theory rather than practice; not tangible or concrete.” This contrasts with the abstracts accompanying most health care publications, which provide summaries of scientifically based submissions. These brief accounts facilitate the reader’s perception of verifiable information and influence the decision to read the entire text or move on to another. However, it could also be argued that clinical judgment should combine the word’s dual meanings; in fact, their prudent reconciliation often informs clinical decisions regarding the management of prosthodontic patients’ oral rehabilitative needs across the age spectrum.

The IJP has been privileged to have Dr John Chai and his team of diligent and committed colleagues* provide such relevant abstracts for the past several years. Their collective role is very much appreciated, and the entire editorial family hastens to thank them

for their invaluable contributions. Dr Chai retired from full-time academia in 2001 and was at that time granted Professor Emeritus status by Northwestern University. He currently practices at the Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital, Department of Dentistry in Hong Kong. He is presently Honorary Professor of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and continues to serve higher education as the Vice Chairman of University Council of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

The IJP’s new Abstract Editor is Dr Steven Sadowsky. He is the author/editor of *Evidence-Based Implant Treatment Planning and Clinical Protocols*¹ and a highly respected North American clinical educator. He is Professor and Director of Implant Education at the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, Past President of the American Prosthodontic Society, and President-Elect of the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics. He is also a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontists, has directed the American College of Prosthodontists Annual Review Course for the last 5 years, and is the recipient of the 2016 American College of Prosthodontists Presidential Citation.

An Invited Commentary from Dr Sadowsky can be found on page 541 of this issue. I am confident that our global readership will go on appreciating the merits of abstract selections that the new team led by Dr Sadowsky** will provide.

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