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EDITORIAL

The Signing of the MOU Between the Kosova College of Surgeons and the University of Prishtina - Transformative Partnership Larger than the Naked Eye Can See

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Abstract

This editorial highlights a significant milestone in the history of the Kosova Journal of Surgery - the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Kosova College of Surgeons and the University of Prishtina. The MOU solidifies a strategic alliance focused on promoting excellence in surgical research, evidence-based practices, and innovation. Furthermore, the affiliation with the University of Prishtina enhances the journal's scientific credibility and provides access to additional resources and expertise. This historic moment celebrates the shared vision of advancing health-care delivery, research, and professional development,

symbolizing a new era of collaboration and excellence in the surgical community. Moreover, the partnership serves as a solid foundation for future initiatives, joint efforts, and academic growth, contributing to the advancement of scientific knowledge and academic scholarship within Kosova and beyond.

Keywords: Kosova Journal of Surgery, University of Prishtina, Research, Publication, Kosova, MOU- Memorandum of Understanding, Collaboration

This editorial will not focus on the content of the journal itself and all the original papers but rather on



From the left: Prof. Asst. Dr. Gentrif Berisha, currently Advisor to the Rector, Prof. Dr. Sefer Avdiaj, Vice Rector for Research, Projects, Innovation, and Information, Prof. Dr. Rifat Latifi, Editor-in-Chief of Kosova Journal of Surgery (virtually present in the meeting), President of the Kosova College of Surgeon, Prof. Dr. Qerim Qerimi, Rector of the University of Prishtina, Dr. Sadik Llullaku, Executive Director of the Kosova College of Surgeons, Kujtim Salihu, Director for Governmental and Governing Affairs

a significant moment in the history of this journal that marks the beginning of collaboration and partnership between the Kosova College of Surgeons (KCS) and the University of Prishtina (UP). The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between these two institutions denotes a milestone in the advancement of the Kosova Journal of Surgery and will serve as a pivotal moment that underscores the commitment of both institutions to mutual cooperation, knowledge sharing, and professional development in the field of clinical and basic science research. By forging this strategic alliance, we hope to advance the quality of surgical care, promote evidence-based practices, and foster innovation in the field of surgery. As we reflect on this historic moment and the significance of the MOU between the KCS and the UP, we acknowledge the transformative potential of collaboration, partnership, and shared vision in advancing medical education, research, and patient care. However, the significance of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the KCS and UP goes far beyond the posturing level of the headlines, and what the naked eye can see. This is an historic moment that marks a multifaceted and profound commitment of KCS to collaboration, cooperation, and shared goals with the UP and the objective of promoting the values of our public university. KJS is a gift to the University, but our UP partnership with us at KCS is an important gift to KJS and KCS too.

The inclusion of the University of Prishtina logo on the cover page of the Kosova Journal of Surgery adds



credibility to the publication and reinforces the journal's alignment with the institution's values and academic standards. The logo symbolizes a commitment to fostering scholarly inquiry, promoting research advancement, and supporting the dissemination of knowledge within the medical and surgical fields. Furthermore, the logo serves as a beacon that attracts attention and interest from a wider audience, signaling a dedication to academic excellence and research collaboration, that is the mission of the journal. Yet, sharing the space together with the logo of UP, on cover page of the KCS organ, the KJS, becomes an important partner in the field of publication

and gains authority amongst researchers and scholars.

Moreover, it symbolizes a shared journey towards achieving the highest standards of surgical care, enhancing professionalism, and expertise of surgeons in Kosova and growth as research publication nationally, regionally, and internationally. This transformative moment carries with it a wealth of possibilities, opportunities, and shared aspirations for the advancement of clinical and basic science in Kosova, highlighting the power of collaboration, partnership, and collective action in shaping the future of medicine and surgery. As we reflect on the signing of the MOU between the KCS and UP, we celebrate a new era of collaboration, innovation, and excellence in the field of surgical practice and medical education in Kosovo. The fact that the Kosova Journal of Surgery, as the only scientific medical journal in Kosova (circa 2024), has now become a scientific journal of the University of Prishtina marks a significant historical moment in the academic landscape of Kosovo. This development not only enhances the prestige and credibility of the journal but also solidifies its position as a reputable publication within the academic community. We hope that through this affiliation KJS gains access to additional resources, expertise, and institutional support, which can further elevate the quality and impact of the journal. This is a testament to the journal and its editorial board dedication to academic excellence and research integrity, and it paves the way for increased collaboration and scholarly contributions from the University of Prishtina's faculty and students. Moreover, KJS will serve as a platform for research publication and growth for new faculty and doctoral students in medical sciences across the university. In this significant moment of collaboration and partnership between the Kosova College of Surgeons and the University of Prishtina, on behalf of the editorial board and ourselves we would like to express gratitude to Prof Qerim Qerimi, Rector of the University of Prishtina and his team for their exceptional leadership and visionary initiatives that have paved the way for this transformative partnership. Their exemplary guidance, strategic vision, and unwavering dedication to academic excellence and research advancement have been instrumental in fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, and progress within the university community and the broader medical sector.

In summary, the affiliation of the Kosova Journal of Surgery with the University of Prishtina signifies a new chapter in scientific collaboration and research advancement



in Kosova. This partnership represent an opportunity for enhanced research collaboration, knowledge sharing, and academic networking, ultimately enriching the scientific discourse and fostering a culture of academic excellence

within the surgical community. Together, the KCS and UP stand poised to spearhead transformative initiatives and lead the way in advancing surgical practice and medical education in Kosova and beyond.