Announcement

Consensus Statement on the Adoption of the COPE Guidelines

We the undersigned editors of the member journals of the Surgery Journal Editors Group (SJEG), in the furtherance of integrity in surgical and scientific publication, agree to adopt the guidelines established by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).¹ The COPE guidelines represent a means of addressing a variety of ethical concerns, including duplicate publication and authorship misconduct issues, which have, unfortunately, become more prevalent.

This statement is being simultaneously published in the respective journals of the members of the Surgery Journal Editors Group, as follows:

- American Journal of Surgery
- Annals of Surgery
- Annals of Surgical Oncology
- Annals of Thoracic Surgery
- Archives of Surgery
- BJS
- Burns
- Canadian Journal of Surgery
- Der Chirurg
- Digestive Surgery
- Diseases of the Colon and Rectum
- ePlasty
- Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery
- HPB
- HPB Surgery
- Journal of the American College of Surgeons
- Journal of Burn Care and Research
- Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery
- Journal of Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Sciences
- Journal of Laparoendoscopic & Advanced Surgical Techniques
- Journal of Pediatric Surgery
- Journal of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- Journal of Surgical Education
- Journal of Surgical Research
- Journal of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery
- Journal of Trauma
- Journal of Vascular Surgery
- Nutrition
- Pediatric Surgery International
- Surgery
- Surgery for Obesity & Related Diseases
- Surgical Endoscopy
- Surgical Innovation
- Surgical Laparoscopy, Endoscopy & Percutaneous Techniques
- The American Surgeon
- World Journal of Surgery
- Zentralblatt für Chirurgie

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