Editorial note

At a recent Editorial Committee meeting, a decision was made to publish case reports in *Skeletal Radiology* by title (or diagnosis) rather than by case number. This decision will improve journal citations, making them more meaningful, and should increase the number of citations of case reports published in *Skeletal Radiology*. In addition, the change will save valuable space in the journal, allowing publication of additional papers and case reports.

As an interim step, beginning with the January 1995 issue, the diagnosis will be used as the title for case reports currently accepted and awaiting publication. Effective January 1, 1995, all submitted case reports must follow a new format, as detailed in the new Instructions to authors accompanying this editorial note.

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Editor, case reports

Instructions to authors: case reports

Case reports must be in English, and should follow the following format:

- On a separate page, the *title* of the manuscript, with a shortened version for running headings, should be given. This page should also include the names and degrees of the *authors*, and the name and address of the corresponding author (including a Fax number, if available). The name of the authors should not be included on subsequent pages.
- The manuscript itself should include the *title*, an *abstract* (150 words or less for case reports), and appropriate *key words*. Abstracts for case reports need not be structured.
- A brief *introduction* section should be followed by the *case report*. A separate listing of the diagnosis is no longer appropriate.
- A *discussion* section should emphasize the importance of the case being reported. Case reports should have a message that goes beyond the individual case being reported or should demonstrate unique features of the case being reported. The discussion should relate the case being reported to clinical practice.
- *References* and *illustrations* should be presented in the way as for articles in this journal.