



Editorial State of the Art Review



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This edition of *Spine Deformity* has the first State of the Art Review (SAR) on Radiation Safety in Spine Surgery. The plan is for this to become a recurring feature of the Journal. The purpose of the state of the Art Reviews is to provide a thorough and critical review of the existing clinical and scientific literature on topics that are priorities to our community of healthcare providers and others who have an interest or manage patients with spinal deformity. The reviews will summarize the best level of current information in the literature on specific topics with the intent of guiding an evidence-based approach to care. The goal is intended to comprehensively review published literature rather than to present new data. The topics for the *Spine Deformity* State of Art Reviews are identified as priorities by the Education Council, the Education Task Force, and the Core Curriculum Committee of the Scoliosis Research Society. The reviews will be written by senior authors who have contributed significantly to the literature on the topic. The SAR is reviewed by us and the Editor-in-Chief. The reviews will be

published quarterly in *Spine Deformity*, and the reviews may also be modified for inclusion in the SRS online textbook and the SRS Current Concepts Reviews.

The current topics identified for State of the Art Reviews include patient safety, non-operative management of spinal disorders, preoperative optimization programs, intraoperative standardization of procedures and protocols, postoperative management and accountability, predictive modeling and new technology and technique reviews. We share enthusiasm in hopes that the State of the Art Reviews will serve as a useful educational resource for our readers, and for the community of physicians, patients and providers who seek a critical, up to date and thorough review of the current literature to guide an evidence-based approach to care.

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