



Announcing IJS Oncology

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The science and practice of oncology is a rapidly developing field. It has become increasingly interdisciplinary through the recognition of the efficacy of combination treatments and multidisciplinary teams. New areas such as oncoplastics have been born over the last two decades and risen sharply in both research output and what they mean for approaches to solving complex problems with patients. Similarly, advances continue to be made in the fields of surgical, medical, and radiation oncology. Some cancer therapies are also shifting from a tissue-specific focus to an oncogenetic pathway-specific one. Developments in these new paradigms have a long way to go, and it is a critical time for the field. Both patient volume and research in this field are increasing rapidly, as are diagnostic and prognostic tests, targeted treatments, and new practice patterns. Indeed, it is an exciting time to be launching an oncology journal!

The *International Journal of Surgery* (IJS) has welcomed the submission and publication of oncology articles since its launch in 2003. It will continue to do so. However, with *IJS Oncology* we now have a dedicated forum with which to attract oncology articles from an international audience searching for a home for their best work. The journal invites original papers related to clinical, basic science, and translational research, as well as

cutting-edge reviews and educational articles across the field of oncology. In addition, we will publish perspectives and opinion pieces from thought leaders in the field and editorials to place research in context. Being open access ensures the broadest possible access and readership.

Our aim is to have a rapid submission to decision time as with the other journals in the IJS Publishing Group, ensuring rapid dissemination of important findings. *IJS Oncology* will benefit from being the sixth journal in the group, which includes *IJS*, *IJS Case Reports*, *Annals of Medicine and Surgery*, *IJS Open*, and *IJS Protocols*. We have an experienced management and editorial team with a strong track record for innovation and publishing breakthrough discoveries. Our mission is to publish and communicate new knowledge for surgeons, physicians, oncologists, and those in allied specialties working with oncology patients to drive forward high-quality care and the best possible outcomes. We are also for academics and researchers looking to drive forward the specialty with the treatments, markers, and diagnostic and prognostic tests of the future. We hope that you will support the journal as it grows and develops to become a leader in this high-impact field.

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