

Editorial - Radial Hemimelia Part - 2Rujuta Mehta¹*Everything has been said before, but since nobody listens we have to keep going back and beginning all over again.**--Andre Gide, Le traite du Narcisse (1891)*

The sections in this issue deal with many such surgeries all penned down by men and women who have perfected their craft. I would urge the readers to ponder over the thought process in each of these methods and “listen” to much of what has been “said” for a mature assimilation of the vast material provided to the novice surgeons in particular.

As the primary treatment of radial club hand is completed, parents and caregivers have great concerns about the length and bowing of the forearm. The stage is now set for a series of complex surgeries through late childhood and adolescence. The recent additions to the spectrum of radial club hand treatment i.e. newer techniques have been written up with élan by Dr Milind Chaudhary and Dr Patwardhan. Both rational techniques however to implement at large across centers other than the authorship, where the expertise already exists, a lot of training of the surgeon, counseling and motivation of the patient is required as the methods are yet to prove their mettle against the test of time. A succinct special chapter is dedicated by Dr Ratna et al about complications as no learning cycle is complete without a long and hard look at the flip side of any method. The reader and the practicing surgeon are both urged to read this chapter again and again.

Devil is in the detail, an arduous task of an off-beat topic, so sincerely amalgamated in the form of lesser practiced methods by Dr Kapil Gangwal hence deserves special mention. Dr. Premal Naik's chapter on ulnar osteotomy and results will strike a chord with every true blue paediatric orthopod. It gladdens my heart to see how functional these children can be made.

Having sifted thru the sands of the entire gamut of problems of radial club hand has been a very humbling and fulfilling experience for me and I hope we have all together created an ever-lasting treasure trove of reading material to which I am sure many bright and budding paedipod surgeons will add to in the future.



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