

Journal of Endovascular Resuscitation and Trauma Management (JEVTM)

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In February of 2017 more than 350 medical professionals representing a diverse number of disciplines in medicine and surgery from around the world convened in Örebro Sweden at the inaugural Endovascular Hybrid Trauma & Bleeding Management (EVTM) symposium. The event was the first of its kind, bringing together surgeons, interventionalists, anesthesia and critical care experts and emergency medicine providers, all with experience in caring for the severely injured or ill patient. Through a combination of clinical and scientific presentations, panel discussions and moderator-led debates, attendees advanced their common understanding of the capacity for catheter-based, endovascular approaches and new technologies to improve the survival and recovery of such patients.

The eventual size of the EVTVM symposium, the diversity and international composition of attendees, and the fervent nature of discussion and interest in the program surpassed even the optimistic projections of event organizers. EVTVM tapped and coalesced an otherwise underappreciated momentum in the area of endovascular techniques for injury and critical care, one that's been relatively overlooked by other professional organizations to which EVTVM attendees belong. Beyond its clinical and scientific content, EVTVM made clear that interest in endovascular approaches to advance injury and critical care (compared to those applied to age-related disease processes) lies at the margins of individual clinical disciplines, their established professional organizations and respective meetings and publication venues. EVTVM exposed the challenge and provided a common forum to redress it.

As such, and as a logical extension of the 2017 EVTVM Symposium, this new Journal of Endovascular

Resuscitation and Trauma Management (JEVTM) is a well-planned and timely platform on which to continue the global discussion in this dynamic topic area. The JEVTM aims to capture and maintain the cross-disciplinary momentum on display at the 2017 symposium in Örebro and to serve as an electronic and print forum by which to disseminate knowledge from clinical experiences as well as that stemming from structured research, development and innovation activities. Through publication of case reports and results from original research and by providing profiles on new technology and innovation concepts, as well as modern reviews and commentaries in this space, JEVTM will establish itself as the common conduit for this topic area coursing through various established and otherwise fixed disciplines.

The originators of the EVTVM Symposium and the editorial leadership of the new JEVTM are an energetic and highly qualified group of professionals from around the world and just the right team to lead this endeavor. This group will quickly expand a stimulating discussion of topics and controversies in the field, and like the EVTVM symposium itself, tap a wealth of cross-disciplinary interest and knowledge content in the topic area. I'm excited about the potential JEVTM has to inform a global readership like no other publication forum and in doing so promote needed advances the field of injury and critical care. I'd encourage those who are in the clinical, scientific and innovative communities to engage the journal with submissions for publication and support its editorial leadership in conducting peer-review and publication processes. Congratulations to the leaders of the EVTVM and to the originating editors of the JEVTM on this new and exciting milestone. Now let's get to work!

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