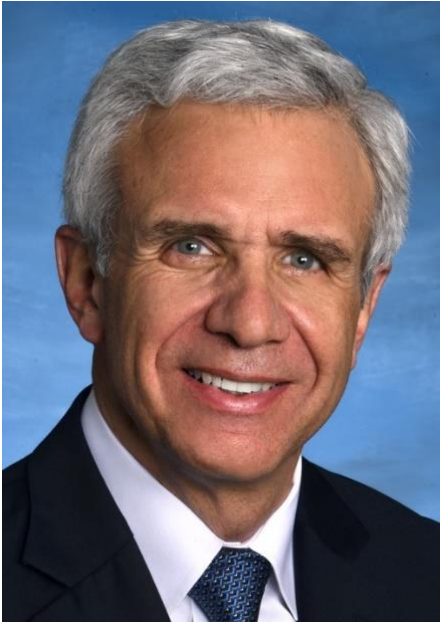


Message from the President



It is my pleasure to introduce the inaugural issue of the *Journal of the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (JPOSNA)*. Pediatric Orthopaedics has shown consistent growth as evidenced by the steady increase in POSNA membership. As expected, the maturation of pediatric orthopaedics as a specialty has been accompanied by an expansion of the associated body of knowledge and an increase in subspecialization. It is becoming more common for pediatric orthopaedic fellowship graduates to further subspecialize by completing a second fellowship.

This growth and subspecialization has resulted in an increased demand for avenues to share knowledge. For many years, the *Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics (JPO)* has provided an outlet for publication of original scientific research. This resource continues to play a vital role in our specialty. The goal of *JPOSNA* is to supplement the information in *JPO* by providing a platform for our members and POSNA to publish information that does not meet the goals of *JPO*. The initial plan is to publish case reports, review articles, panel discussions, and POSNA notifications.

POSNA is grateful to Kenneth Noonan, MD for accepting the role as the journal's first editor. It is a big responsibility that will be accompanied by many challenges. Ken's knowledge, insight, energy, and organizational skills will ensure the journal's success.

Please enjoy this new POSNA member benefit.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen A. Albanese". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen A. Albanese, MD
President, POSNA