Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

“Every surgeon carries within himself a small cemetery, where from time to time he goes to pray—a place of bitterness and regret, where he must look for an explanation for his failures”, René Leriche. Complications in general surgery and its supra-specialties are devastating for the surgeon and, of course, for the patient. We must encourage a rise in the reporting and publication of our perioperative complications to improve our outcomes and help other surgeons around the world avoid complications, as well as advise them on how to approach them. For this reason, this Special Issue titled Preventing and Managing Surgical Complications: Perspectives from South American Centers is a vital opportunity for helping Latin American surgeons achieve this goal.

Best regards,
Dr. Luis Felipe Cabrera-Vargas
Guest Editor
Message from the Editor-in-Chief

The reporting of surgical, interventional, and anesthesiologic complications and adverse events (AEs) is essential for improving the quality of healthcare delivery and for standardizing and reproducing outcomes data. To address underlying issues in the reporting of complications and adverse events, it may be necessary to provide education and training, establish standardized definitions and reporting requirements, and create incentives for healthcare providers to report complications and AEs. The journal invites authors to address four components of perioperative adverse events: assessment, reporting, analysis of anticipatable factors, and management. The usability and practical implications of this information can have significant implications for academic and clinical practice.

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