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## Editorial

### From the Editor – in – Chief: Top papers from the Association of Women Surgeons



In the November Issue of *The American Journal of Surgery (AJS)* we feature manuscripts from the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS). I want to thank AWS Society Editors Stephanie Bonne (Senior Editor), Caroline Reinke (Editor), and Heena Santry (Junior Editor) for putting together a fabulous issue. We are happy to feature the papers from their annual meeting as highlights below:

**Presidential Address.** Sharon Stein delivers her AWS Presidential Address.<sup>1</sup>

**Leading from Behind: Paucity of gender equity statements and policies among professional surgical societies.** Heisler et al. seek to quantify how many professional surgical associations have a statement on gender equity and prevention of discrimination. They suggest that these statements may not be enough<sup>2</sup> with an editorial from Rita D. Shelby and Amalia Cochran.<sup>3</sup>

**Patient-reported health literacy scores are associated with readmissions following surgery.** Baker and colleagues evaluate the relationship between health literacy and surgical outcomes, namely emergency department visits and hospital readmissions.<sup>4</sup> There is an editorial from Ariel Nehemiah and Caroline Reinke.<sup>5</sup>

**The Association of Women Surgeons research grant: An analysis of the first 25 years.** Shaikh and colleagues review the impact of this award on the academic productivity of the women who have been awarded this grant.<sup>6</sup> Those who received the award were more likely to have successful subsequent NIH funding, produce a greater number of publications, and publish in higher impact journals, with an editorial from Stephanie Bonne.<sup>7</sup>

**Gender differences in urology society award recipients.** Woldegerima and colleagues report their results of gender trends in urologic society awardees in the past several decades, depending on years of data available from each society. The authors found an increasing trend of women awardees from urology societies, though the frequency and proportions varied markedly by society.<sup>8</sup> There is an editorial from Marie Crandall<sup>9</sup>

**A multi-center analysis of cumulative inpatient opioid use in colorectal surgery patients.** Cavallaro and colleagues ask a timely and important question by trying to figure out what risk

factors might put a patient at risk for persistent opioid use after surgery.<sup>10</sup> Heather Yeo provides an invited commentary.<sup>11</sup> **Postoperative thyroid hormone supplementation rates following thyroid lobectomy.** Wilson and colleagues provide a retrospective single institution cohort study to evaluate the need for thyroid hormone supplementation after a thyroid lobectomy<sup>12</sup> with an editorial from Nikita Machado and Scott Wilhelm.<sup>13</sup>

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