

Editorial

The Era of Robotic and Minimally Invasive Surgery

It has been well over 20 years since the first laparoscopic nephrectomy was performed and it marked the beginning of a new era of minimally invasive surgery. The trend toward minimally invasive surgery was fueled even more by the advent of surgical robotic systems in early 2000's and completely changed how we practice urology all over the world.

Reflecting this trend, the most common subspecialty of current submission to Korean Journal of Urology (KJU) is in this exciting field of robotic and minimally invasive surgery. As Korea leads the clinical surgical robotic experience in Asia, KJU introduced many new concepts in robotic urology recently. As KJU is striving to be a rapid open access international journal, we embrace the submission in this new and exciting field.

KJU is indexed in PubMed and Scopus and also in PubMed Central search engine, which makes an ideal avenue of publishing bright, innovative new concepts in ro-

botic and minimally invasive surgery. KJU also has "rapid communications" section to offer those late breaking manuscripts which requires special attention, where many of these articles become obsolete after a lengthy review process.

At KJU, we would like to embrace to publish the best novel pioneering work both in clinical and research aspects of robotic minimally invasive surgery. With your contribution will help KJU become more internationally circulated journal in urology. I look forward to see your hard work in future editions of KJU!

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