

Editorial

Scalpellum: A Platform for Precision, Progress, and Passion in Surgery

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It is with profound excitement, deep responsibility, and heartfelt purpose that we present to you the very first issue of **Scalpellum: Journal of Surgery and Clinical Research**. This inaugural volume represents not just the launch of a new academic journal, but the beginning of what we hope will become a lasting and impactful movement within the global surgical community—a movement grounded in excellence, curiosity, and a shared commitment to the future of surgery.

The creation of **Scalpellum** was not a spontaneous endeavor. It was born from countless conversations with colleagues, mentors, and trainees across institutions and borders—each voicing a need for a space that truly represents the full spectrum of surgical science and practice. A space that is not limited by specialty silos or geographic boundaries, but instead embraces the diversity and complexity of surgery as it is lived and practiced every day.

In recent years, surgery has undergone a remarkable transformation. We are operating in a time defined by rapid technological advancement, increasingly complex patient populations, and a growing demand for not only technical skill but also systematic thinking, compassionate leadership, and cross-disciplinary collaboration. Yet, amid this flux, we felt there was still a gap—a journal that not only published high-quality research but also captured the spirit and story behind surgical progress. **Scalpellum** is our answer to that gap.

The name **Scalpellum** is symbolic. The scalpel—our most iconic instrument—is an extension of the surgeon's mind, hand, and heart. It represents precision, intention, and discipline. But it also reminds us of the weight of responsibility we carry with every incision we make. This journal, too, aims to reflect that same balance of sharp focus and thoughtful purpose.

From its conception, **Scalpellum** was envisioned as more than a repository of data or a citation destination.

It is a **platform**—for dialogue, for mentorship, for the dissemination of both breakthroughs and hard-earned lessons. We believe that academic publishing must not only inform but inspire; it must not only document, but drive forward the practice of surgery in meaningful ways. This journal will celebrate both the measurable and the immeasurable—clinical outcomes, yes, but also the quiet resilience, creativity, and courage that defines our profession.

Our editorial vision is rooted in three core values: Precision, Progress, and Passion.

Precision, not just in surgical technique, but in thought, methodology, and communication. We will uphold rigorous standards in peer review and evidence-based publishing, ensuring that each contribution offers clarity and clinical value.

Progress, reflected in our openness to emerging ideas, technologies, and models of care. We aim to spotlight not only what is established but what is experimental—recognizing that today's bold hypothesis may become tomorrow's gold standard.

Passion, the essential fuel that drives every great surgeon. Beyond technique and theory, we believe that human stories—the triumphs, the setbacks, the mentorships, the moments of doubt and discovery—also belong in the surgical literature. **Scalpellum** welcomes these narratives, as they give soul to our science.

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In this first issue, you will encounter a rich tapestry of topics: original articles, surgical techniques, reviews and case reports. Together, these works reflect a balance of evidence-based rigor, clinical relevance, and technical creativity.

We are especially honored to announce that this inaugural issue of **Scalpellum** will be officially launched at the 1st Riau Educational Surgery Meeting (RESUME) in conjunction with 7th Riau Medical Symposium & Expo (RIME), to be held on June 21-22, 2025. There could be no more fitting venue—an event dedicated to advancing surgical excellence and innovation—for the birth of a journal committed to the same ideals. We are grateful to RESUME 2025 for providing a platform to introduce **Scalpellum** to the wider surgical community and to inspire a new chapter in academic collaboration.

We are also deeply committed to nurturing the next generation of surgical minds. In future issues, we will introduce special sections for resident-led research and surgical education innovations. Our goal

is to provide a platform where early-career surgeons feel seen, supported, and empowered to contribute to the broader academic conversation.

None of this would be possible without our incredible team of editorial board members, reviewers, and contributors—each one bringing their own expertise and energy to this endeavor. We are humbled by their commitment and inspired by their belief in this mission.

To our readers, we offer my deepest gratitude. Your curiosity, engagement, and feedback are what will shape **Scalpellum** into a living, evolving resource. We invite you to read, to question, to submit, and to help us build a journal that not only reflects the current state of surgery but helps define its future.

May **Scalpellum** serve as a light for inquiry, a vessel for knowledge, and a mirror for the passion we all carry into the operating room.

Welcome to our first issue. Welcome to **Scalpellum: Journal of Surgery and Clinical Research**.