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- Observational Study ([STROBE](#); for studies using routinely collected health data such as electronic medical records, large databases, or registries, use [RECORD](#))
- Clinical Trial ([CONSORT](#))
- Animal Study ([ARRIVE](#))
- Cadaver Study ([CACTUS](#))
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All original research should be structured using the IMRAD (Introduction, Methods, Results, and Discussion) format and a “question-drive” style. Include the IRB name and study number and a Level of Evidence appropriate to study type.

- *Introduction*: Study rationale, literature review, 2-4 questions to be answered in Results and Discussion.
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- Word Limit: 3000 words (not including abstract, tables, figure legends, references)
- Tables & Figures: no more than 4 tables & 4 figures (providing statistical detail not reported in text); if exceeding this number, author should justify the rationale in the cover letter
- Appropriate EQUATOR checklist and any additional tables or figures uploaded as [Supplemental Material](#).
- Reference Limit: 50 references

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Use the appropriate EQUATOR guidelines in writing your systematic or scoping review.

- Systematic Review, with or without meta-analysis ([PRISMA](#))
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- Reference Limit: 50

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HSS Journal considers case reports only for its column, “Complex Musculoskeletal Cases.” This column features rare musculoskeletal conditions requiring a multidisciplinary approach and involving novel diagnostics and therapeutics. A submission to this column must adhere to the [CARE](#) guidelines. Level of Evidence: Level V.

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- Structured abstract: (Background, Presentation, Diagnosis, Treatment, Takeaways; 250-word limit)
- Word Limit: 2000 words (not including tables, figure legends, references)
- Inclusion of the patient’s perspective is encouraged
- Tables & Figures: 1 table & 2 figures (providing detail not reported in text)
- Videos are welcome, especially those showing innovative surgical techniques
- Highlight definitive publications in a section called “What to Read Next”
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A consensus statement must adhere to the [ACCORD](#) guidelines. Level of Evidence: Level V.

Editorial Limits:

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- Tables & Figures: 1 table & 2 figures (providing detail not reported in text)
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We welcome narrative reviews of the literature but discourage submission of non-focused general reviews.

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- Tables & Figures: 2 tables & 2 figures (providing detail not reported in text); if exceeding this number, author should justify the rationale in the cover letter
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Surgical Technique

We consider submissions of articles on novel orthopedic surgical techniques in the following format (see [example](#)):

- Introduction: Describe the rationale supporting the technique.
- Technique and Results: Describe the technique in detail, with sufficient patient numbers, follow-up times, assessment methods to support its use.
- Discussion: Review the advantages, disadvantages, and available evidence.

Editorial Limits:

- Structured abstract (Background, Technique, Results, Conclusions)
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- Tables & Figures: 2 tables & 2 figures (providing detail not reported in text)
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- Short surgical videos of the technique may be uploaded as [Supplemental Material](#).

Commentary

Commentaries address a clinical dilemma or outline personal or professional experience. Level of Evidence: Level V.

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- Word Limit: 2000 words
- Tables and Figures: 1 table & 1 figure
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Letter to the Editor

We consider brief responses to articles published in *HSS Journal* in the prior year.

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- No abstract, tables, figures
- Word Limit: 500
- References: 5

Registered Reports, Pre-Data or Post-Data

There are two types of Registered Reports:

1. Registered Reports – Pre-Data, i.e., before any data have been gathered.
2. Registered Reports – Post-Data, i.e., before already existing data have been examined and analyzed.

These submissions are reviewed in two stages. In Stage 1, a study proposal is considered for publication prior to data collection and/or analysis. Stage 1 submissions should include a complete Introduction, Methods, and Proposed Analyses. High-quality proposals will be accepted in principle before data collection and/or data analysis commences. Once the study is completed, the author will finish the article including Results and Discussion sections (Stage 2). Publication of the Stage 2 submission is guaranteed as long as the approved Stage 1 protocol is followed and the conclusions are appropriate. [Full details can be found here](#). The Journal's manuscript requirements should be adhered to for the stage 2 submission.

Guidelines & Checklist for Reporting on Race and Ethnicity in Submissions to *HSS Journal*

To encourage the provision of more equitable musculoskeletal care and clarity in the articles we publish, *HSS Journal* has adopted the 2021 guidelines by [Flanagin et al](#) published in *JAMA* on the reporting of race and ethnicity in submissions.

Racial and ethnic disparities in the provision and outcomes of musculoskeletal care have been well-documented within orthopedics. For example, Black patients consistently have shown [lower utilization rates](#) than White patients of major surgical procedures including total knee or hip arthroplasty, with worse perioperative outcomes following surgery. Continued research is essential to understanding the complex factors contributing to such disparities, yet authors of clinical trials published in orthopedics journals [have not routinely reported](#) the race and ethnicity of populations studied.

All authors, peer reviewers, and editorial board members should familiarize themselves with these recommendations, and authors should use the following checklist before submitting.

Checklist for Authors and Peer Reviewers on the Reporting of Race & Ethnicity

Overall Assessment

- Use inclusive language that supports diversity and conveys respect.
- Be aware that race and ethnicity are social constructs.
- When reporting on racial and ethnic disparities, discuss the implications of findings as they relate to institutional or structural racism and the populations being studied.

Introduction

- When discussing differences observed according to race and ethnicity, provide context of the contributions of historical injustices.

Materials & Methods

- Use precise definitions for common terms, such as race, ethnicity, nationality, ancestry, equity, and equality.
- When describing participants' race and ethnicity, identify the source of the data (self-reported, investigator observed, or gathered from a database).

Results

- Describe the race and ethnicity of participants along with other sociodemographic variables.
- Aim for inclusivity by providing comprehensive categories and subcategories. For example, use specific rather than collective terms in describing racial and ethnic categories (avoid using general terms such as “minorities” or categorizing using nonspecific labels such as “other”; instead, specify the racial/ethnic group discussed).
- Report deidentified demographic information (age, sex, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic indicators, etc.) when possible. If demographic data that was collected is not reported, state the reason.

Discussion

- Address health inequities within populations.
- Recognize that systemic, institutionalized, and structural racism involve policies and practices resulting in differential access to goods, services, and opportunities based on race and ethnicity.

Guidelines & Checklist for Reporting on Sex and Gender in Submissions to *HSS Journal*

To advance knowledge about sex and gender in musculoskeletal research, *HSS Journal* is a signatory to the resolutions published in 2024 by the [Sex and Gender Research in Orthopaedic Journals Group](#). As such, we ask authors and peer reviewers of research submissions to follow the [Sex and Gender Equity in Research \(SAGER\) guidelines](#) and to use the checklist below for the reporting of sex and gender.

“Sex” is often understood to be biologic (assigned at birth), while “gender” refers to more complex social roles that can be fluid. Data on both have been historically underrepresented in orthopedic research. To better understand how sex and/or gender affect treatment and outcomes, authors of research involving humans or animals should endeavor to explain how this data is analyzed and reported in their submissions.

All authors, peer reviewers, and editorial board members should familiarize themselves with these recommendations, and authors should use the following checklist before submitting.

Checklist for Authors and Peer Reviewers on Gender-Sensitive Reporting

Overall assessment

- Are the concepts of gender and/or sex used in your research project?
- If yes, have you explicitly defined the concepts of gender and/or sex? Is it clear what aspects of gender and/or sex are being examined in your study?
- If no, do you consider this to be a significant limitation? Given existing knowledge in the relevant literature, are there plausible gender and/or sex factors that should have been considered? If you consider sex and/or gender to be highly relevant to your proposed research, the research design should reflect this

Research questions and hypotheses

- Does your research question(s) or hypothesis/es make reference to gender and/or sex, or relevant groups or phenomena? (e.g., differences between males and females, differences among women, seeking to understand a gendered phenomenon such as masculinity)

Literature review

- Does your literature review cite prior studies that support the existence (or lack) of significant differences between women and men, boys and girls, or males and females?
- Does your literature review point to the extent to which past research has taken gender or sex into account?

Research methods

- Is your sample appropriate to capture gender and/or sex-based factors?
- Is it possible to collect data that are disaggregated by sex and/or gender?

- Are the inclusion and exclusion criteria well justified with respect to sex and/or gender? (Note: this pertains to human and animal subjects and biological systems that are not whole organisms)
- Is the data collection method proposed in your study appropriate for investigation of sex and/or gender?
- Is your analytic approach appropriate and rigorous enough to capture gender and/or sex-based factors?

Ethics

- Does your study design account for the relevant ethical issues that might have significance with respect to gender and/or sex? (e.g., inclusion of pregnant women in trials)

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- Thirukumaran CP, Cai X, Glance LG, et al. Geographic variation and disparities in total joint replacement use for Medicare beneficiaries: 2009 to 2017. *J Bone Joint Surg Am*. 2020;102(24):2120–2128. <https://doi.org/10.2106/JBJS.20.00246>.

Book chapter

- Wellington B. Soft tissue, peripheral nerve and brachial plexus injury. In: Clarke S, Snaty-Tomlinson J, eds. *Orthopaedic and Trauma Nursing: An Evidence-Based Approach to Musculoskeletal Care*. 1st ed. Chichester, UK: John Wiley and Sons, Ltd; 2014:265–275.

Online reference

- National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. *Health disparities*. 2023. Available at: <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/healthdisp/>. Accessed August 19, 2024.

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