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The Spine Journal Names New Editor in Chief:  
Christopher M. Bono, MD to Become Fourth Editor in Journal’s 17-Year History

Burr Ridge, IL—The Spine Journal, the highest impact and largest circulation peer-reviewed spine journal in the world, has named Christopher M. Bono, MD as its new Editor in Chief. Dr. Bono will succeed longtime Editor in Chief Eugene J. Carragee, MD in December 2018 when his term ends. Until then, Dr. Bono will work closely with Dr. Carragee to ensure a smooth transition. Dr. Bono’s first issue will publish in January 2019.

“I am very proud of the work the editorial team at The Spine Journal, including Chris Bono, has done to help spine specialists provide the safest, most effective care for their patients during my 10-year tenure,” said Carragee, an orthopedic surgeon at the Stanford University School of Medicine. “Given Chris’ ‘patients-first’ vision, fierce intelligence, and excellent editorial instincts, I am confident that TSJ is in very capable hands.”

“I believe that everything in my career thus far—from patient care to research to publishing—has helped prepare me for this incredible role with The Spine Journal,” said Bono. “I have enormous respect for TSJ and the distinction it has achieved under Dr. Carragee’s leadership. I am honored and excited by the opportunity to be its new Editor in Chief. I know the future of TSJ will be bright and promising.”

Christopher Bono was born in Brooklyn, NY. Accepted into a seven-year BA/MD program at CUNY Brooklyn College and SUNY Downstate Medical School, he received his medical degree in 1996. He completed a general surgery internship and orthopedic surgery residency at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical in Newark, New Jersey.

Dr. Bono spent a year in San Diego, California at UCSD for a spine surgery fellowship with Steve Garfin, MD and Christopher Kauffman, MD. He was recruited as an academic faculty member of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Boston University School of Medicine by then-chair, Tom Einhorn, MD. Dr. Bono was recruited by Mitch Harris, MD and Tom Thornhill, MD to lead the Spine Division of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, where he remains today. In addition, Dr. Bono serves as co-director of the Massachusetts General Hospital-Brigham and Women’s Hospital Orthopaedic Spine Surgery Fellowship and as co-director of the BWH Comprehensive Spine Center.

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Dr. Bono is a past deputy editor for both The Spine Journal and the Journal of the Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He joined the North American Spine Society in 2003 and has been involved in many of its committees, including serving as a section editor for SpineLine and the chair for the Evidence-Based Guideline Development Committee and the Professional, Economic & Regulatory Committee. From 2015-16, Dr. Bono served on the NASS Board of Directors as its President.

Dr. Bono has co-edited several textbooks in orthopedic and spinal care. He has more than 140 peer-reviewed publications cited in PubMed, and has co-authored nearly 100 book chapters. Dr. Bono has worked closely with many other professional medical organizations, including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, International Society for the Advancement of Spinal Surgery, AO Spine, and the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine.

Dr. Bono has been included in “America’s Best Doctors,” has received many Patients’ Choice Awards, and was named in Becker’s Spine Review’s “Top 100 Spine Surgeons to Know” and Orthopedic This Week’s “28 Top Spine Surgeons” lists.

The Spine Journal is an international, multidisciplinary journal that publishes original, peer-reviewed articles on research and treatment related to the spine and spine care, including basic science and clinical investigations. The Spine Journal is the highest impact and largest circulation peer-reviewed spine journal in the world. Published online continuously and printed monthly by Elsevier, Inc., The Spine Journal is the scientific publication of the North American Spine Society (NASS). NASS adheres to a policy of editorial independence for the journal’s editorial board, which follows guidelines of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, Committee on Publication Ethics and other best editorial practices.

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