



## **Pain Management in the 21st Century**

**T**he *Journal of Surgical Orthopaedic Advances* is pleased to present a special section on perioperative pain management. Appropriate amelioration of pain is a crucial element in postoperative care and is considered by the Joint Commission to be the fifth vital sign. The management of perioperative pain using multimodal techniques that minimize the untoward effects of narcotics improves outcomes, optimizes patient satisfaction, and decreases complications and length of stay. This issue of your journal outlines pain management strategies, presents new therapeutic options, and serves as a resource to patient care. We believe you will find this of value and that your patients will benefit.

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