

AATO Special Issue

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The Argentine Association of Orthopedic Trauma (AATO) continues to strengthen its role as a national reference in the care of polytrauma patients and in the ongoing development of medical education in our country and the region. It is with great satisfaction that we present this special supplement of the *Argentine Journal of Orthopedics and Traumatology*, a scientific platform that reflects the collaborative work of our members, healthcare teams, and training centers.

Trauma remains one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in Argentina and worldwide. In this context, continuous knowledge updating, clinical research, and the standardization of evidence-based practices constitute essential pillars for achieving better outcomes. Since its foundation 31 years ago, AATO has embraced this commitment: promoting specialist training, fostering collaborative networks, and encouraging open discussion on technological and therapeutic advances.

In recent years, AATO has significantly strengthened its regional and international ties, particularly with AO Trauma and the International Orthopaedic Trauma Association (IOTA), expanding educational, training, and professional exchange activities. These strategic alliances reinforce our presence in the region and create valuable opportunities for our professionals to access first-rate training experiences and actively participate in global trauma research initiatives.

This supplement brings together contributions that reflect the diversity and complexity of contemporary orthopedic trauma: from high-energy fractures and challenging periarticular injuries to the management of elderly patients with bone fragility. All manuscripts share a common thread: the pursuit of answers to real clinical problems, grounded in rigorous methodology, critical thinking, and the conviction that research is an indispensable tool for transforming daily practice.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to the authors, reviewers, and editorial coordinators who made this publication possible. My gratitude also extends to the institutions that support and accompany the growth of our association. I am convinced that collaboration among scientific societies, hospitals, universities, and responsible industry partners is the path toward a modern, efficient, and patient-oriented orthopedic practice.

I invite our readers to explore these pages with a reflective and constructive spirit. May this special issue serve as an incentive to continue researching, innovating, and contributing original knowledge from Argentina to the world. The challenge is significant, but the passion and excellence of our professionals provide a clear course forward.

Let us continue working together to strengthen education, research, and the quality of care in orthopedic trauma, honoring the commitment that unites us: restoring function and life to our patients.

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