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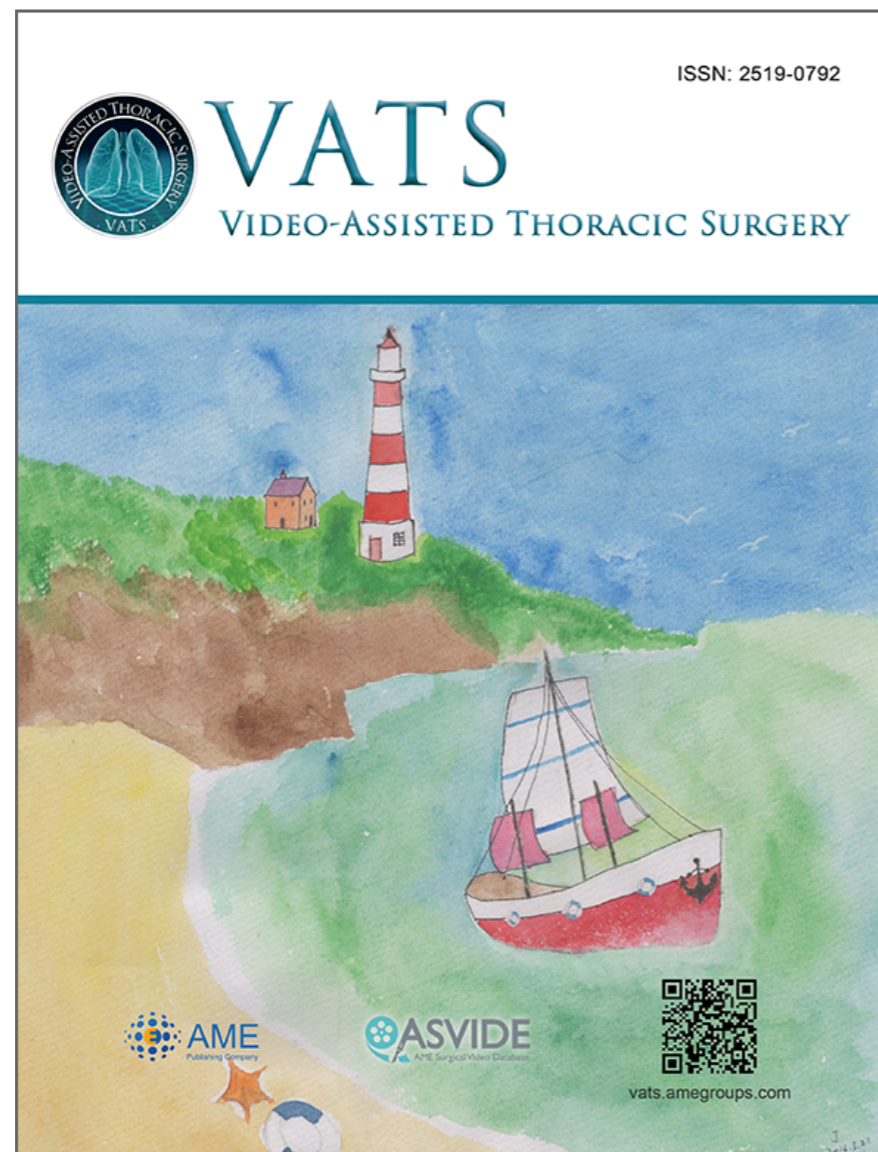


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1. Basic Information



- The **1st** English journal dedicated to VATS in international community
- Launched in **May 2016**
- Indexed in ESCI in **December 2018**
- **International, Peer-Reviewed, Open-Access**
- The VATS journal will serve as a dedicated place where key questions in the field of VATS surgery may be answered by publishing flexible and diverse article genres **in a fast electronic publication mode.**
- Technical questions will easily be addressed because of its ability to **publish videos.**



2. VATS is Indexed in ESCI: A Significant Step Forward

We received a good news on Dec. 11th, 2018 that *Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery* (VATS) has been selected for coverage in Clarivate Analytics products and services. Beginning with V. 1 (1) 2016, this publication will be indexed and abstracted in: Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI).

Indexed by ESCI is undoubtedly a significant step for VATS. With continuous effort from the editorial team, we strive to make VATS a top-tier publication in the field of Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery.

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December 24th, 2018

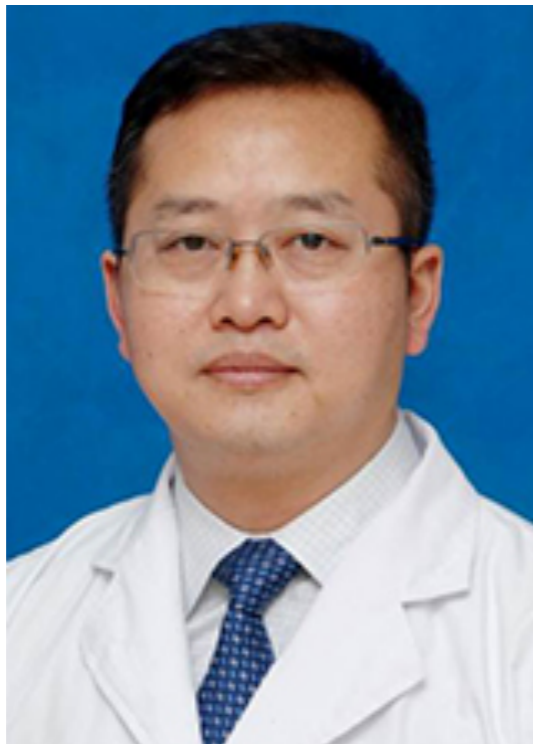


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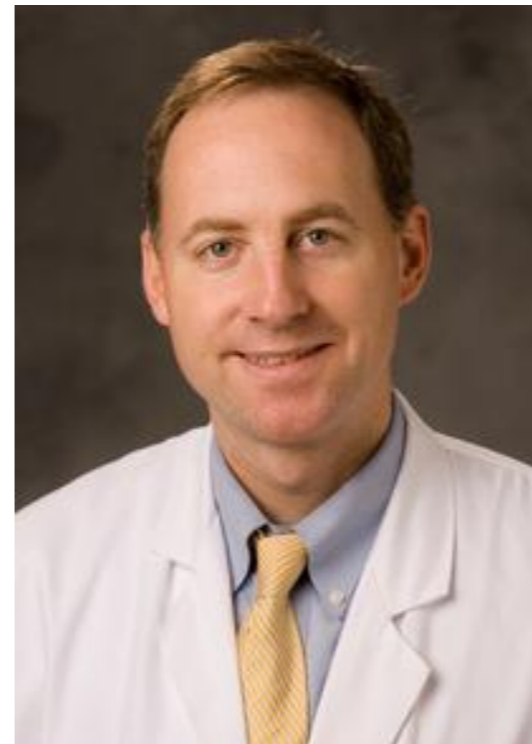


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3. Editors-in-Chief



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On behalf of the VATS editorial team, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the Editorial Board Members, Guest Editors, Section Editors, Authors, Reviewers and Readers who have contributed to and supported VATS since its birth. In the new year, we warmly welcome more excellent surgeons and researchers to join us to make VATS an innovative and significant platform for the field.

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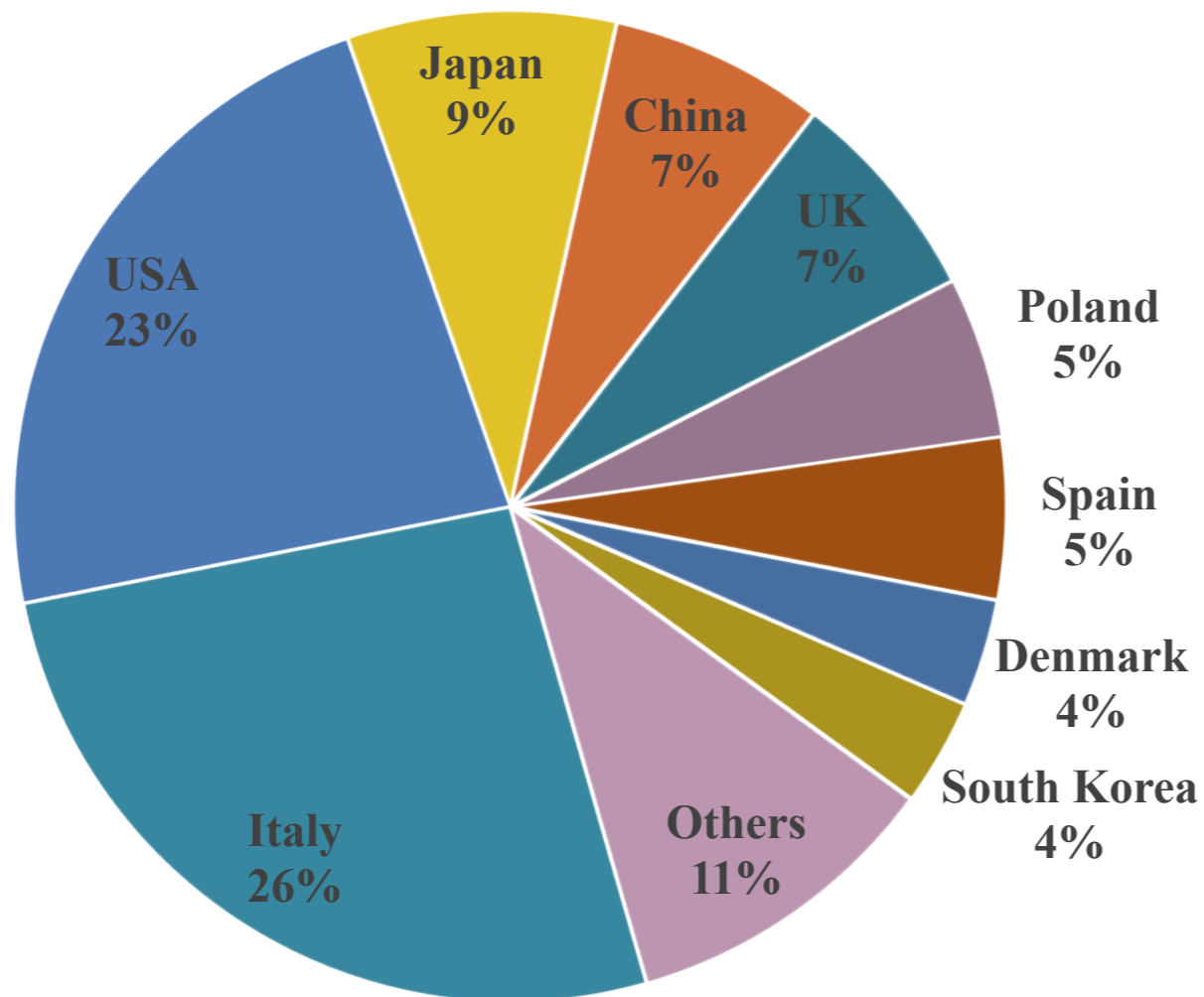
4. VATS Editorial Board Members



13 experts joined VATS Editorial Board in 2018.



5. Geographical Distribution of VATS Editorial Board Members



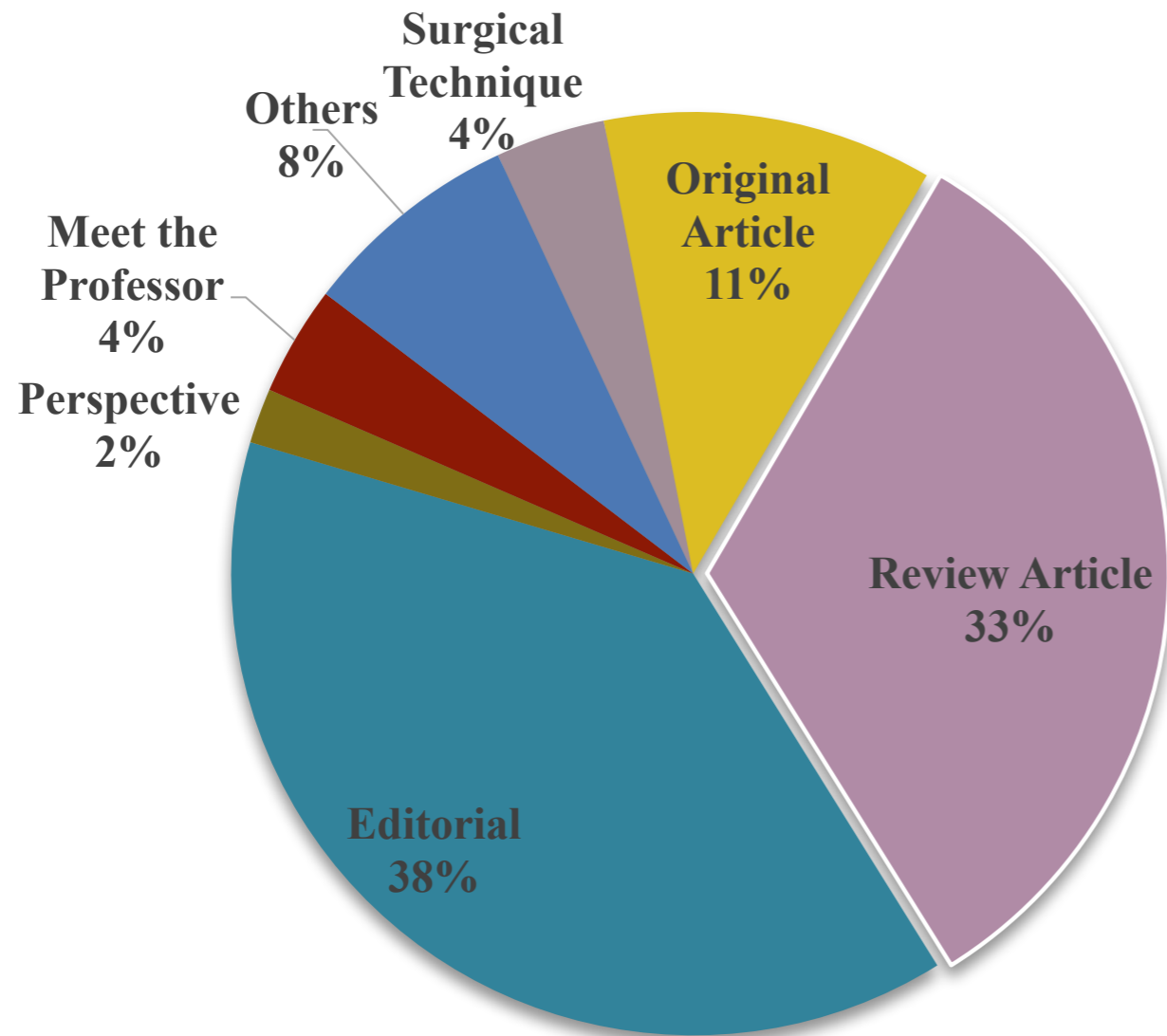
A total of 57 Members

- 2 Editors-in-Chief
- 55 Editorial Board Members

Note : Others include Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Turkey.



6. Diverse Types of Published Articles in 2018

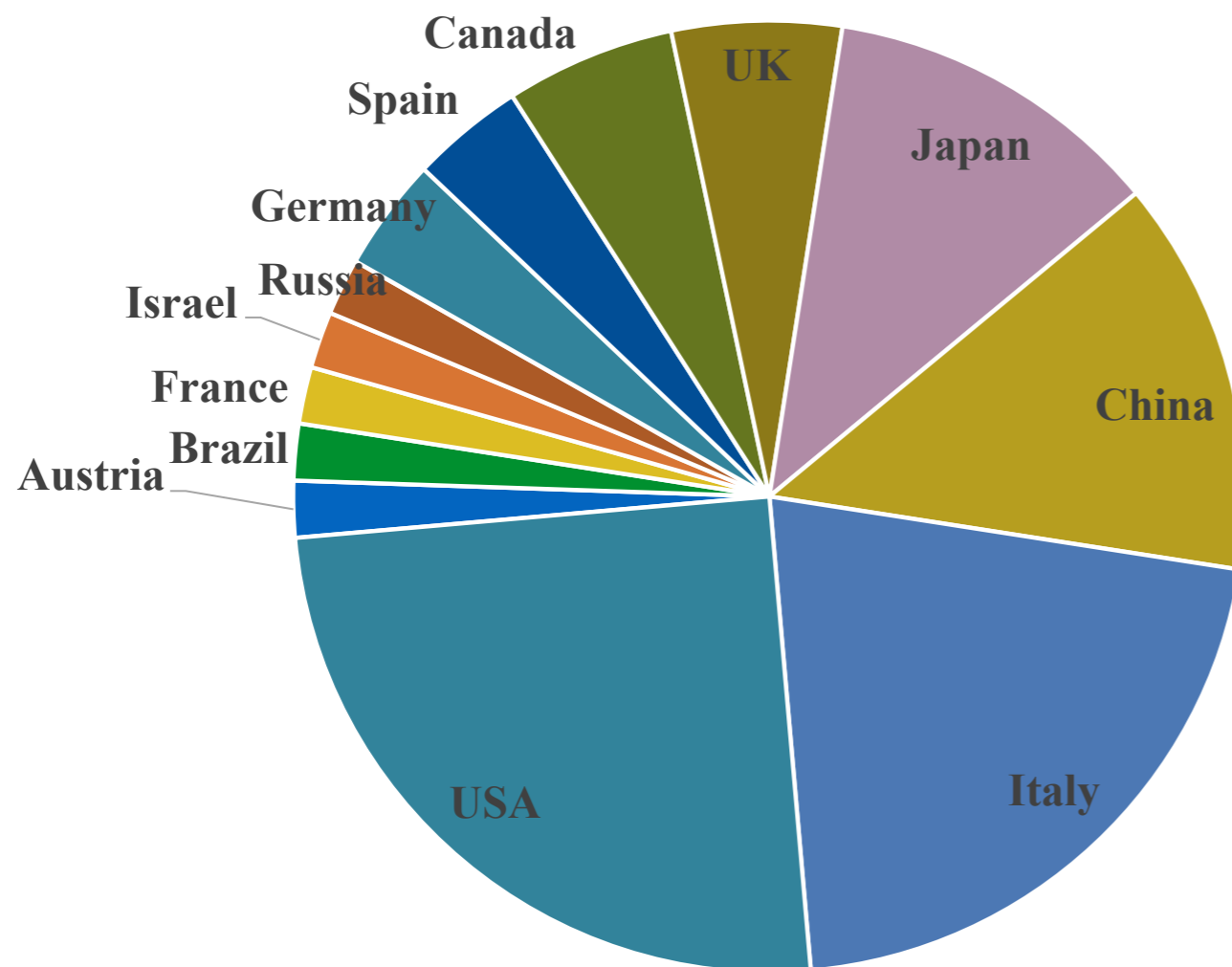


In 2018, VATS has published **52** articles, among which there are **23** Original Articles and Review Articles.

Note: Others include Preface and News.



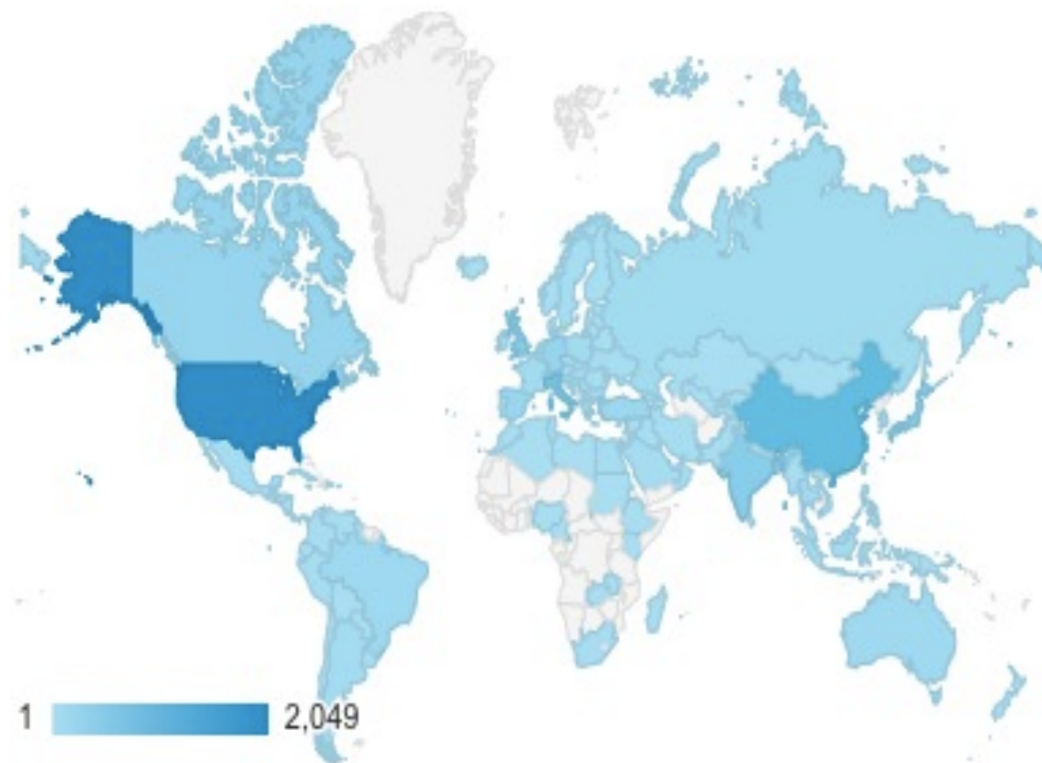
7. International Diversity of Corresponding Authors



Corresponding authors of the 52 articles published in 2018 come from different countries and areas with the majority from **USA, Italy, and China.**



8. Website Visits in 2018



1.	United States	2,049 (24.61%)
2.	China	885 (10.63%)
3.	Italy	634 (7.62%)
4.	United Kingdom	465 (5.59%)
5.	Japan	443 (5.32%)
6.	India	422 (5.07%)
7.	Canada	221 (2.65%)
8.	Germany	219 (2.63%)

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2018, there are altogether **8,269** visitors. Readers who visited VATS website were from a variety of countries, with the majority from the USA, followed by China, Italy and the UK.

Note: Data were collected from Google Analytics (Jan. 1, 2019).



9. Top Five Viewed Articles in 2018

Article Type	Title	Corresponding Author	URL
Perspective	Robotic is better than VATS? Ten good reasons to prefer robotic versus manual VATS surgery in lung cancer patients	Michela Solinas	http://vats.amegroups.com/article/view/4056/4796
Editorial	Enhanced recovery after surgery in thoracic surgery: the past, the present and the future	Alessandro Brunelli	http://vats.amegroups.com/article/view/3921/4622
Editorial	Training in an ultra-high-volume center	Firas Abu Akar	http://vats.amegroups.com/article/view/4451/5195
Review Article	Clinical history and surgical management of parapneumonic empyema what is the role of video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery (VATS)?	Duilio Divisi	http://vats.amegroups.com/article/view/4064/4806
Surgical Technique	Video-assisted thoracic surgery tunnel technique: an alternative fissureless approach for anatomical lung resections	Herbert Decaluwé	http://vats.amegroups.com/article/view/3981/4690

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10. Special Section “Troubleshooting VATS: Tips and Tricks”

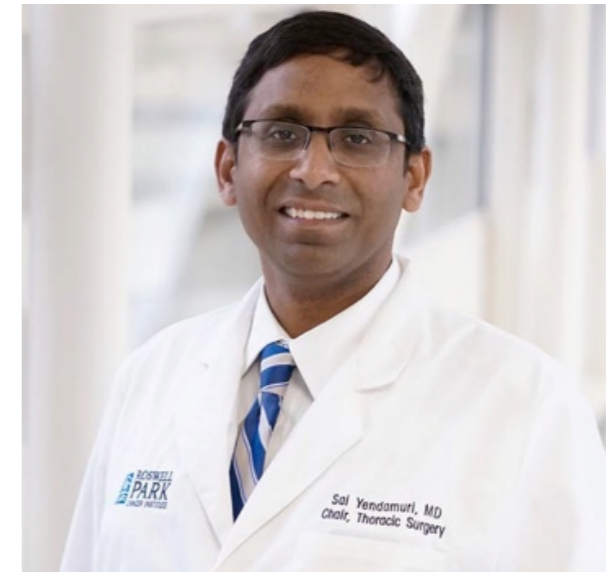
“In meetings, it is common for surgeons to discuss a difficult situation that they encountered only to find that other colleagues have found themselves in the same situation and have developed workarounds to solve the problem...This special section is devoted to the publication and discussion of such issues in the conduct of either simple or complex video assisted or robot assisted surgeries. We hope that the thoracic surgical community will embrace this opportunity to share their collective wisdom and experience.”

Foreword of the new section “Troubleshooting VATS: tips and tricks”

Sai Yendamuri, Lunxu Liu, Mark W. Onaitis

Thoracoscopic pleural tenting following bullectomy to reduce postoperative air leak

Pankaj Kumar Garg, Sai Yendamuri



Chair: Sai Yendamuri, MD, FACS, FCCP

Professor and Chair. Department of Thoracic Surgery, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY, USA



11. Special Section “Meet the Professor”



Featured interviews with global Key Opinion Leaders were published in our column, providing a window into the new developments, breakthroughs, and achievements in the interviewees’ professional fields, both in their clinics and research.

“Meet the Professor” published in 2018

Professor Tomasz Grodzki: a Polish pioneer in lung transplantation

Prof. Kostas Papagiannopoulos: six key points of technique for pulmonary segmentectomy



12. Published Focused Issues and Guest Editors (2018)

Focused Issue: *Non-intubated Thoracic Surgery*



Tommaso Claudio Mineo

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12. Published Focused Issues and Guest Editors (2018)

Focused Issue: Current Status of Surgical Simulation in Video-assisted Thoracic Surgery and Robot-assisted Thoracic surgery



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12. Published Focused Issues and Guest Editors (2018)

Focused Issue: *VATS for Locally Advanced Lung Cancer*



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12. Published Focused Issues and Guest Editors (2018)

Focused Issue: *Minimally Invasive Management of Infectious Pleuropulmonary Diseases*



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13. Upcoming Focused Issues and Guest Editors

Focused Issue: *New Technologies for Advanced VATS*



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13. Upcoming Focused Issues and Guest Editors

Focused Issue: *VATS for Primary Spontaneous Pneumothorax*



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14. Exhibition on Academic Forums in 2018



The VATS journal was exhibited at the 26th European Conference on General Thoracic Surgery, Ljubljana, Slovenia and the 9th International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group Annual Meeting, Seoul, South Korea, and aroused great interest among international experts.



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15. Introduction of the Publisher AME

Our Publisher—

AME Publishing Company

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- Established in 2009
- Registered in Hong Kong
- 10 offices around the world
- 60+ peer-reviewed journals
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 - 18 indexed in PubMed/PMC/MEDLINE
- 110+ Medical Books
 - 50+ Medical Books in English
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