In this Issue

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One might ask why we need a Women’s Imaging issue of the JAOCR, when two excellent Breast Imaging issues have already been published in January 2013, edited by Michelle C. Walters, D.O., FAOCR, and again in January 2014, edited by Susann E. Schetter, D.O., FAOCR. Unlike many other cancer types that primarily affect older individuals, the potential number of years lost by a young woman diagnosed with breast cancer or gynecologic malignancy places greater importance on the roles of early and high-quality imaging and accurate radiologic interpretation in this group.

The case reviews in this issue by Drs. Gupta and Ahmad, and a Viewbox case by Dr. Mikes, highlight key findings in pelvic imaging. While this issue includes two new breast imaging articles to complement the aforementioned breast imaging issues, a women’s imaging issue need not be limited to examinations tailored to anatomic features of women but may also include articles reflecting differences in predilection between women and men. This difference is illustrated by a Viewbox musculoskeletal case submitted by Drs. Stein and Gogna.

When I hear the recently popularized term sustainability in the context of preserving earth’s limited resources, I am reminded of how the AOCR is also adapting to ensure the sustainability of osteopathic radiology. Along with the privilege of being guest editor of this journal comes the responsibility to mentor radiologists-in-training in scholarly activity. With this objective in mind, most articles in this issue were authored or co-authored by radiology residents. I am especially proud of this issue due to the contributions of radiology residents who will carry the flag long after I have hung up my hat. Our greatest legacy may be to have trained radiologists who will provide high-quality imaging services to women. I hope this issue will help propel you toward that goal.

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