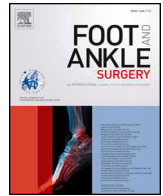


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## Topic issue "Forefoot"



Foot and Ankle Surgery published the first so-called topic issue in 2021 (Volume 27, Issue 3, Pages 235–348)[1]. The topic was "Ankle" comprising 19 articles. We (the editors) felt that this combination of articles would give the reader a valuable overview of the actual evidence in ankle surgery in one topic issue. The feedback from readers was positive, reflected by the highest number of articles read and/or downloaded among all issues in 2021. Therefore the editors decided to deploy another topic issue in 2022. As topic "Forefoot" was chosen and the same methodology as in 2021 was applied[1]. Accepted articles that were not published in paper-print were considered. When clustering accepted articles like that, some accepted articles would not wait for paper-print publication as long as other if they would be chosen for a topic issue before[1]. Vice versa, other accepted articles would have to wait even longer for the paper-print publication[1]. This potential inequity was considered to be acceptable as all eligible articles have already been published online including listing in the relevant databases such as PubMed[1]. The options of defining the topic first and then waiting for the articles dealing with this topic and assigning a guest editor to take care for a topic issue with invited articles were again not considered as optimal methodology[1]. Finally, 19 articles were chosen for this topic issue. Fourteen articles are dealing with Hallux valgus, and one each

with Hallux rigidus, claw toes, metatarsalgia and Morton's neuroma. The article types were 4 review articles, 14 original articles and one technical tip. The study focus was clinical in 17, and diagnostic and educational in one each. We (the editors) feel that this combination of articles would give the reader a valuable overview of the actual evidence in forefoot surgery in one topic issue. We are looking for the readers' feedback if this path with topic issues should be followed in the future and how. And now enjoy this topic issue "Forefoot".

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