Throughout the year, at meetings, by e-mail, and through online comments at Healio.com, our busy readers have communicated how they best want to receive their information. You talked, we listened. Based on the manner in which our readers are enjoying their information in print and on laptops, tablets, and phones, you’ll notice some very distinct changes to this issue of ORTHOPEDICS.

The High Value of Print

Beginning with this January/February print issue, ORTHOPEDICS will be mailed to subscribers 6 times per year. In every print issue, Associate Editors Vik Patel and Terry Thompson and I have carefully chosen to include what we consider to be superior content via a new rating system that is now part of the Journal’s peer review process. These well-written and academically significant papers—our “Blue Ribbon” papers—appear both in print and online at www.Healio.com/ortho. Congratulations to those authors who have earned Blue-Ribbon designation in this issue.

Another print highlight, a new type of article entitled, Trending in Orthopedics, will feature a state-of-the-art new technique, a challenge, or a trend in our specialty that is currently having or will have a profound impact on orthopedics. It will be written by an author or authors who are at the center of this advance. They will deal with a technique or an advance that will enable orthopedic surgeons to improve the quality and outcome of patient care. This issue’s Trending in Orthopedics discusses challenges in reverse shoulder arthroplasty and addresses how experts in this area deal with glenoid bone loss. Future topics will include spine-specific implants in spine surgery and how one size of implant does not fit all patients; how to restore and regenerate articular cartilage; how to address massive rotator cuff tears; and changes in bundled payments and how they will impact orthopedics.

Continued Excellence Online

Readers should be assured that a reduction in print frequency will not mean a reduction in the amount of information they receive with their subscriptions. Those papers no longer included in print will have passed our stringent peer review process and will now be posted on the website soon after they are accepted and copyedited, in our new Online Advanced Release section of the website. Readers will now be able to read papers as soon as they are processed, and authors will have their papers indexed by Medline/PubMed earlier than ever before.

Our popular Tips & Techniques papers will also appear online-only and for 2016 we are publishing 4 per issue. We are working toward including video with many of these papers, another opportunity for us to answer the call of what our readers have told us they are looking for.

Looking ahead to the March/April issue, we will be announcing the results of our 2 new awards: Best Clinical Paper from 2015 and our Lifetime Achievement Award.

No matter how you read ORTHOPEDICS, I hope you enjoy the new formats, which continue to advance the specialty with each and every paper. We would love to hear from you at ortho@healio.com. Have a happy and healthy New Year.