
Medtech: a new window for SMW

Dear readers,

At the beginning of this year Swiss Medical Weekly introduced two new regular features:

- Review articles: Current opinion;
- Review articles: Medical intelligence.

Their object is to heighten interest among the general scientifically-oriented community. The two series have got off to a good start and initial reader response is highly favourable.

We are now taking a further step in this direction and opening a new window: Medical Technology. Alongside experimental and clinical research, medtech has brought radical change in many areas of medicine. For patient and doctor alike, technical methods have decisively moulded diagnosis and treatment. Direct measurements in

cells and joint replacement are now everyday routine, but their development has cost a great deal of research. For this reason our intention is to publish regular contributions on medtech; in this our primary concern is naturally not technical detail, but the vistas opened up by new technologies and perspectives on the ways in which they can support and mould science in the future.

We are confident that the new feature will be a meaningful, interesting and important addition to our journal, and one which will serve to sharpen and enhance its profile.

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