

# Editor-in-Chief Letter JODS 33.3

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**Figure 1.** *Andrei Tanase* JODS Editor-in-Chief

It's my privilege to write this as Jo Marsden wraps up her time as BADS President. Jo has been amazing - her passion and hard work have driven BADS forward over the years. From her support revamping our journal to growing our social media reach, her commitment to UK day surgery is second to none. I'm excited to now work with our new president, Dave Bunting. Dave brings a wealth of experience and fresh ideas to lead us onward. His innovative thinking will build on Jo's achievements and elevate BADS to the next level. I can't wait to see Dave's vision unfold.

I am pleased to share this August 2023 issue of JODS highlighting impactful original research advancing day surgery techniques and care pathways.

Our cover article by **Hughes et al.** presents excellent 1-year outcomes on the first 50 patients undergoing day case total hip arthroplasty (THA) using the Fife Protocol. This prospective study demonstrated significant improvement in Oxford Hip Scores and EQ-5D quality of life measures. All patients reported high satisfaction, with a remarkable 92% Net Promoter Score. The Fife Protocol's thorough patient selection and perioperative optimization enabled successful same-day discharge without complications. This adds to the growing evidence for outpatient THA.

Next, **Todd et al.**'s thorough audit provides insights on maximizing day case rates for inguinal hernia repair. Reviewing overnight stays at their centre revealed issues with post-discharge coding rather than true failed same-day discharges. Addressing coding delays and clerical staffing could improve capture of their actual >90% day case rate, meeting national targets. Their analysis also identified factors like planning admission type preoperatively as areas for improvement.

We also have an impactful quality improvement study from **Barker** demonstrating the value of equipment audits to improve anaesthesia safety. Initial audits revealed deficient availability of emergency airway equipment across machines. However simple changes like labelling and restocking supplies increased presence to 100%, reminding us of diligent machine checks' critical role.

I am grateful to all our authors, reviewers, and readers for enabling the sharing of impactful insights this issue.