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1. Basic Information

- The 1st English journal dedicated to VATS in international community
- Newly-launched in May 2016
- **International, Peer-Reviewed, Open-Access**
- The VATS journal will serve as a dedicated platform where key questions in the field of VATS may be answered by publishing flexible and diverse article genres in a fast electronic publication mode.
- Technical questions can easily be addressed because of its ability to publish videos.
2. Editors-in-Chief

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On behalf of the VATS editorial team, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the Editorial Board Members, Guest Editors, Section Editors, Authors, Reviewers and Readers who have contributed to and supported VATS since its birth. In the new year, we warmly welcome more excellent surgeons and researchers to join us to make VATS an innovative and significant platform for the field.

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About 10 experts joined VATS Editorial Board in 2017. Since its launch in May 2016, over 40 thoracic experts worldwide have joined VATS Editorial Board, and more will come.

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4. Geographical Distribution of VATS Editorial Board Members

41 Board Members come from different countries and regions with the majority from the USA, Italy, and Japan.
VATS altogether published 111 articles since first launched in May 2016, including 77 in 2017, with diverse article types.

Note: A screenshot of some articles published in 2017.
6. Diverse Types of 2017 Published Articles

In 2017, VATS has published 77 articles, 33 of which are original and review articles, 17 of which are editorials written by well-known experts around the world. Others are surgical techniques, case reports, preface, foreword, viewpoint, meet the professor, etc.
Corresponding authors of the 77 articles published in 2017 come from different countries and regions with the majority from the UK, Italy, and Japan.
8. Special Section “Troubleshooting VATS: Tips and Tricks”

Section Chairman:
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Professor and Chair, Department of Thoracic Surgery,
Director, Thoracic Surgery Research Laboratory, Co-leader, Lung Disease Site Research Group, Physician Leader, Thoracic Oncology Center, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY, USA

Published Articles in 2017

**Foreword of the new section “Troubleshooting VATS: tips and tricks”**
Sai Yendamuri, Lunxu Liu, Mark W. Onaitis

**Thoracoscopic pleural tenting following bullectomy to reduce postoperative air leak**
Pankaj Kumar Garg, Sai Yendamuri
9. 2017 Published Focused Issues and Guest Editors

Minimally invasive VATS thymectomy for Myasthenia Gravis

Alper Toker, MD

President of the ESTS in 2015.
Director and Professor,
Department of Thoracic Surgery,
Istanbul Medical School, Istanbul University,
Istanbul, Turkey
9. 2017 Published Focused Issues and Guest Editors

Special Issue Dedicated to the International VATS Symposium 2017

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10. Upcoming Focused Issues and Guest Editors

Non-intubated Thoracic Surgery

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Marcello Migliore
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10. Upcoming Focused Issues and Guest Editors

VATS for Locally Advanced Lung Cancer

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10. Upcoming Focused Issues and Guest Editors

*Esophageal surgery*

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10. Upcoming Focused Issues and Guest Editors

*Minimally Invasive Management of Infectious Pleuropulmonary Diseases*

Ilaria Righi, MD

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10. Upcoming Focused Issues and Guest Editors

*The 4th International Uniportal VATS course*

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Diego Gonzalez-Rivas, MD, FECTS

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11. Exhibition on Academic Forums in 2017

The VATS journal was exhibited at (A) the 4th International Uniportal VATS Course in Berlin, Germany; (B) the International VATS Symposium 2017 in London, UK; (C) the 2017 American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS), Boston, USA, etc. and aroused great interest among international experts.
12. Sino-US Conference on VATS

--A regular academic exchange activity based on the journal

The conference will be held every year, which **aspire to establish fruitful collaborations between surgeons across the globe in order to help answer important questions facing the field of VATS.**
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The annual conference takes place alternately in the West China Hospital and UC San Diego Health Moores Cancer Center.

The 1st Sino-US Conference on VATS will be held at UC San Diego Health Moores Cancer Center in 2018;

The 2\textsuperscript{nd} Sino-US Conference on VATS will be held at the West China Hospital in 2019;

The 3\textsuperscript{rd} Sino-US Conference on VATS will be held at UC San Diego Health Moores Cancer Center in 2020…

We warmly welcome all thoracic surgeons and researchers worldwide to join this meaningful conference, to share their valuable expertise and to help move forward the field of VATS and ultimately benefit the patients.
13. The Publisher: AME Publishing Company

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AME Publishing Company
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- Established in 2009
- Registered in Hong Kong
- 10 offices around the world

- 40+ peer-reviewed journals
  - 4 indexed in SCIE
  - 18 indexed in PubMed/PMC/MEDLINE
  - 13 indexed in ESCI

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