

As most of readers of Ambulatory Surgery Journal will know, ambulatory or day surgery is the very important way of increasing surgical activity, quality of service and of treatment and at the same time reducing cost. In this way the increasing demand for health service may be overcome a good part of the way.

At the same time it is very difficult to make fellow surgeons and anesthetists aware of this fact and to give the “specialty” ambulatory surgery the status it deserves. Luckily the ICS (International Council of Surgeons) has now realized that ambulatory surgery “has come to stay” and therefore has dedicated a session of the World Congress of Surgery in December this year to ambulatory surgery and has invited among other the president of IAAS to present the state of ambulatory surgery to the delegates of the congress. This may hopefully increase the interest also for the scientific work presented in the Ambulatory Surgery Journal.

Another initiative also pointing in that direction is an agreement made with EBSCO Publishing so that the papers from Ambulatory Surgery Journal is included in their database in order to increase the visibility and spreading of the knowledge (see [www.ebscohost.com](http://www.ebscohost.com)).

So we believe that publishing data from Ambulatory Surgery in the leading journal for this field will increase the interest in this field, where still enormous advantages can be reached in many countries that has not the same level of activity as in the leading day surgery countries.

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