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Announcing the new launch of *The Egyptian Journal of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery*

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We are honored to announce the new launch of the *Egyptian Journal of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery* (EJNPN), the official publication of the Egyptian Society of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery (ESNPN), a peer-reviewed, open access journal publishing articles in the field of clinical neurosciences, including neurology, psychiatry and neurosurgery. The journal presents cutting edge research on clinical, technical, ethical and social aspects of clinical neurosciences.

First, we must acknowledge our colleagues who are joining us in the editorial office currently in Cairo, Egypt. They represent the true motivators and dynamos for the journal. Leading the scientific publication in the neurosciences field in Egypt, the Middle East and North Africa; the EJNPN was first published in 1960. Throughout the years, the journal has been indexed by several indexing services, including EMBASE and Scimago journal ranking. At the meantime, we are working closely with other relevant indexing services including PubMed Central and Web of Science to ensure that articles published in the EJNPN will be available in their databases when appropriate.

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