



Editorial

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We live in an increasingly globalized world, where technology and social networks have become a fundamental means of consultation and learning. Unfortunately, this enormous amount of information is not always correct, truthful, or reliable and despite it being easier than ever to find information, it is still difficult to find quality information.

For this reason, the SECMA has promoted the birth of the SECMA Academy “Online Training”, to create a place where you can easily and for free find serious, updated, and quality knowledge about hand and wrist pathology.

The way to provide this information will be through short videos on specific topics hosted on a YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@SECMAAcademy> and on the Society's website. This is intended to promote quick, easy, and convenient access to the entire Spanish-speaking community.

SECMA Academy “Online Training” has three key audiences in mind:

The first are both residents of specialties who treat hand pathology, as well as general practitioners who also deal with this type of injuries, in emergency services. Urgent hand pathology is very common and requires basic knowledge to know how to manage wounds, rule out tendon and nerve injuries, avoid problems with immobilization, recognize fractures and ligamentous injuries that may go unnoticed, etc. This management of urgent pathology is not always transmitted or learned correctly, which is why the first group of videos will be from SECMA Academy “Basics”. We intend that, through quick access to this specific information, doubts are resolved, and decisions are facilitated, even in the time of urgency.

The second group is surgeons who already specialize in hand surgery and are looking for very specific and detailed information on specific topics. Other groups of videos will be created for them (“Nerve”, “Ultrasound”, “Arthroscopy”, “Palliative”, “Rheumatic”, etc.). They will discuss the most controversial aspects, surgical techniques, interpretation of diagnostic tests, etc. of these pathologies. These groups of videos will be made by experienced and recognized surgeons in that field.

The third and last group is especially important since they are the patients. With the growing search for medical information on the Internet, SECMA Academy “Patients” will offer a trusted place where patients can access clear, understandable, and truthful information about the most common hand pathologies.

SECMA has very talented members and another of the fundamental objectives with which the SECMA Academy was created is the search for that talent and the promotion of the participation of young surgeons, allowing them to have a more active and leading role in training. In addition, SECMA commits to gender equality. The field of training is often dominated by men and the active participation of women will be promoted, thus enriching diversity and collective knowledge. We will enable communication channels so that any SECMA member who wants to participate or recommend topics can do so.

Because of all of this, SECMA Academy “Online training” is not simply a YouTube channel, we want it to be a training focus for Spanish-speaking hand surgery. It demonstrates SECMA's commitment to free, quality education, advancing medical knowledge, and improving not only care, but also information for our patients.

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