

Editorial

A SMARTT future for sports medicine

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SMARTT is the official journal of the Asia Pacific Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (APOSSM) and is affiliated with the Japanese Orthopaedic Society for Knee Surgery Arthroscopy And Sports Medicine (JOSKAS) and five other societies. We hope that these strong links and support from authors will help to inspire clinicians, practitioners, scientists and engineers to work towards a common goal to improve the quality of life in the international community.

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