

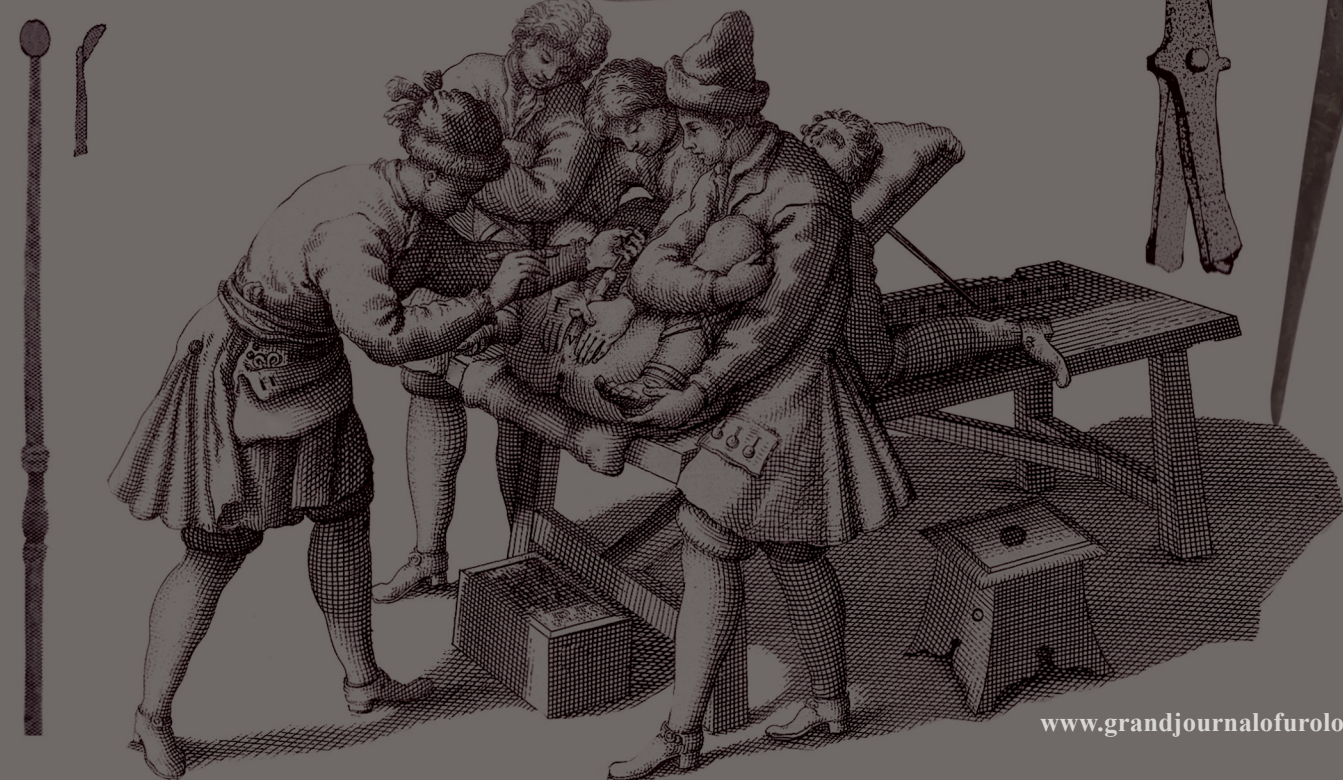


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Dear colleagues,

I am honored to share with you the second issue of 2024 (volume 4, issue 2) of the Grand Journal of Urology (Grand J Urol) with the contributions of many respected researchers and authors.

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On this occasion, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our authors who have contributed to our journal with their articles, to our reviewers who have meticulously evaluate the articles.

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