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From the [Journal of Neurosurgery](#) Publishing Group's (JNSPG's) online and freely accessible journal.

Focus was implemented at a time when digital publications were just coming into existence.

It was the brainchild of Dr. Marty Weiss, University of Southern California, who had been serving on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Neurosurgery from 1987 to 1996. Before Dr. Weiss stepped down as Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Neurosurgery, he convinced Dr. John A. Jane Sr., Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Neurosurgery, to consider the prospects of initiating a completely digital and online journal. Dr. Weiss had been impressed with the digital communications of some of the basic science journals such as the Journal of Biological Chemistry and the American Journal of Physiology. Rather than be left behind in this realm, Dr. Weiss exhorted Dr. Jane to consider the importance of online publications. While initially somewhat skeptical as to the feasibility and viability of a completely online journal, Dr. Jane ultimately acquiesced to Dr. Weiss' insistence, and Focus was born. The name for the journal was actually a joint decision made by Drs. Weiss and Jane.

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- 1) Between 2009 and 2015, there have been 1,378,096 Abstract accesses, and 3,254,323 full-text accesses;
 - 2) between 2010 and 2014, Focus' Impact Factor has ranged between 2.105 and 2.867;
 - 3) average citations per article are 7.8;
 - 4) Focus' H- index is 37;
 - 5) the number of countries represented by people visiting Focus' website is 238, indicating its worldwide appeal.

Top most cited

Current status of acute spinal cord injury pathophysiology and emerging therapies: promise on the horizon Kwon, Brian; Fehlings, Michael G.

Complications of cranioplasty following decompressive craniectomy: analysis of 62 cases

Protection and repair of the injured spinal cord: a review of spinal cord injury

Early outcomes and safety of the minimally invasive, lateral retroperitoneal transpsoas approach for adult degenerative scoliosis

Complications of decompressive craniectomy for traumatic brain injury

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