

Editor's Corner

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Orthopaedic Implants—

For this issue we invited suppliers to contribute material relative to the manufacture of orthopaedic implants. The throttle was wide open, and we invited content regarding raw materials, design considerations, manufacturing pitfalls, tips or techniques, problem-solving, and generic or proprietary processes.

Submissions included an overview of commonly-used biomaterials, processing issues for titanium, surface finishing, machining tips for the use of plastics, and new product development practices.

The next edition will represent the sixth issue published since the inception of BONEZone and will serve as your "2004 Supplier Directory." Supplier descriptions and contact information will be presented so that you can use the issue as a comprehensive desktop reference for the duration of 2004.

If any of your current supply chain partners are not listed within this issue's Directory of Services, please feel free to invite them to contact us so they don't 'miss the boat' in December.

Note for Outsourcing Decision-Makers

During the next two months Knowledge Enterprises, Inc. will be collecting feedback regarding your interest in attending a Supplier Exhibition. Julie Vetalice may be calling you, and we would appreciate your consideration in granting her a few moments of your time to complete a brief telephone survey. Or, please feel free to contact Julie directly at 440-247-9051 at a time that is convenient for you. You may also complete the survey online at www.orthoworld.com/OEM1202.htm

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