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The Road Worth Travelling

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I enjoyed my interaction with the some of the members of the WNA of Japan at the last 28th WNA meeting in Nagoya.

Neuroendoscopy has been the highlight of my professional career. It has allowed me to be instrumental in the application and eventual acceptance of a new discipline. It has led to many overseas invitations and hence, meeting neurosurgeons from many different countries and cultures. It has resulted in less patient morbidity and better outcomes. However, it has not been an easy road. To get a conservative group of doctors to accept a new concept is extremely difficult. It requires a great deal of perseverance and "thick skin". I have, unintentionally, alienated many of my colleagues, created jealousies and insecurities and have even been the subject of a bureaucratic review process. Despite this I have survived and have a thriving practice. I have achieved this by maintaining two very important principles. The first is to always treat your patients as you would your own family. Its your patients who eventually judge you as a good doctor. One must be compassionate at all times. The second quality is persistence. The road to the top is lonely and full of potholes into which one may fall at any time. You must learn to get up from the falls, brush off the dirt and continue the journey.

In many ways, women in neurosurgery face the same hurdles, prejudices and "potholes" that are thrust in front of a pioneer of a new technique. There will be some older, and younger, neurosurgeons who will resent the introduction of women into their male-dominated kingdom. You will have to rise above their insecurities and malicious attempts to obstruct your journey. Sometimes you will have doubts and sometimes it will seem easier to relinquish. I am confident, however, that if you maintain the high road, always put your patient's interests ahead of all other concerns and persevere, you will be richly rewarded.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to address the WNA of Japan, and I extend a warm invitation to all of you to visit my Centre in Sydney at any time of the year.

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