

The Journal Concept

In speaking with people, both at the Annual Conference and since, I frequently find myself explaining the philosophy behind our Journal. This may be a propitious time to review the basis upon which this publication was founded.

With our major purpose of disseminating information, the Journal is the primary tool. We are employing it as a bulletin board for the use of the entire Technology—it is not at all limited to the use of only dialysis personnel or only technologists or, for that matter, only AmSECT. It is meant to be used as a means of presenting information to technologists and technicians, doctors, nurses, administrators, designers, engineers, and manufacturers. All of these people are expected to use these pages to say what they want all of the others to know about their area of endeavor.

Such topic areas as dialysis, hemodynamics, oxygenation, organ preservation, implantable artificial organs, artificial valves as well as valve homo- and heterografts, pacemakers, and research along with equipment, its design, production, use, and longevity; programs concerning the application of the patient services identified as part of the Technology plus such areas as personnel, education, the future of Technology, all these and more are expected to be discussed, are necessary areas for discussion on these pages. There should be no facet upon which the Technology touches that is overlooked or ignored.

What is needed to fulfill the concept of our Journal? First, and most obvious scientific/academic feature material, representing all of the areas and all of the individuals listed above, is necessary. Since we want as much information as possible, such material has not needed to be all new, formal presentations but has often taken the form of a running dialogue, less strict but just as informative.

But, in addition to these, the small contributions are just as important—the tips and shortcuts, the news and new product releases, the abstracts, etc. These give everyone the advantage of having a colleague nearby for some “shop talk”. It was this desire that gave birth to AmSECT five years ago.

Finally, everyone, in all areas of Technology, wants to hear news concerning everyone else. Contributions of personality notes, photos, used equipment to buy or sell, positions available, and the like, are necessary, too. The combination of all of these types of material from *all* these people interested in *all* of these areas of the Technology results in *your* Journal, giving you information you both want and need. By the way, don't you have a story to tell?

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