

## TO JOURNAL OF EXTRA-CORPOREAL TECHNOLOGY READERS:

We have reprinted December 1986 and September 1969 AmSECT President messages respectively from Jim Wade and Ed Berger. These messages appeared in Volume 1 of the *Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology*. The themes and goals for the *Journal* have not changed substantially through the production of 20 volumes for 1968 to 1989. The addition of *Proceedings* and *Perfusion Life* have complemented the accurate foresight of Jim Wade, Ed Berger, and other early leaders of AmSECT.

The *Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology* remains the international, perfusionist peer-reviewed forum for providing, expanding, and improving information for Perfusion Technology. Your response to the *Journal* and *Proceedings* processes has been phenomenal the last two years. We have quality educational and scientific submissions for publication. Through the reader response cards you have asked for more “technique / how to do it” and “future of perfusion” articles. You have told us that the *Journal* supports your clinical practice and keeps you informed about current trends in technique. The *Journal* Committee and AmSECT also encourages and supports basic scientific evaluation, comparison, and analysis of perfusion protocols, devices, and standards of care.

The *Journal* committee will continue the tradition of peer support and communication set forth by our early leaders. We appreciate your response and look forward to your support through letters to the Editor and submission of technique-related articles or scientific manuscript for publication.

Jeffrey B. Riley  
Editor

*Message from Your President*

**About AmSECT**

The American Society of Extra-Corporeal Technology—AmSECT—exists for three basic purposes:

First, to unite in one organization, with the help of affiliate chapters in this country and around the world, all persons who practice or are interested in extra-corporeal technology.

Second, to provide information and professional service to the members in the interest of an expanded and improved technology, and

Third, to assume and maintain active leadership in promoting the art of the technology; maximum standards of practice for all, members and non-members, concerned with the technology; and the acceptance by the medical profession and general public of standards for the technology devoted exclusively to the best interests of patients and the art of medicine.

As organizations go, AmSECT is young. It was in 1961 that a handful of technicians first discussed the need for such a Society, just five years ago that a formal nation-wide Society became fact.

Because it is so young, our Society has both made great strides forward and faces a great challenge for tomorrow. Much of our progress to date is the result of evolution of concept to action.

Perhaps the most significant change came in the past year, when, with formal incorporation as a non-profit, educational Society, even the name was changed from the American Society of Extracorporeal Circulation Technicians to the American Society of Extra-Corporeal Technology. While retaining the familiar AmSECT abbreviation of our name, the formal detailed language of the title reflects now a broader view.

That is a view that the technology—its progress and growth—is, must be, the product of all interested: the physician, the hospital administrator and the technician.

It is why, too, each technician and technologist who is a member of AmSECT provides, through his dues, a copy of each issue of this *Journal* to both his internist, or surgeon, and the hospital administrator for his institution.

Since each of the three foci of our Society depends upon communication and the professional exchange of information, we recognize that it is important for you, who are physicians and hospital administrators, to know of the goals of our Society, share our literature.

In future issues—each three months—a portion of the content of this *Journal* will report on the programs and efforts of AmSECT. We hope that you will find each issue interesting . . . will feel free to react to the contents through contributions to any of the departments or to the professional contents.

We hope, to, that it triggers a growing interest in learning more about AmSECT.

*Jim Wade*

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*Message from Your President*

**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?

*Ed Berger*

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