

Dear Reader:

A new feature, Current Topics, is introduced in this issue of the Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology. Webster defines “topic” several ways, including “the subject of an essay” and “a subject for discussion.” It is the latter definition of the word that we invoke. Besides publishing research, case reports and technique papers, it is imperative that we consider the patient care and ethical implications of our expanding technology. Current Topics will focus on these issues. I invite you to submit a paper for this feature. The first contribution, by LeRoy Ferries, “Standards of Care in Perfusion: Should Not Continuous In-Line Blood Gas Monitoring Be One?” is an excellent example. Background information is provided, with references, and then suggestions and opinions are given.

The number of submissions to the journal has increased and we have bolstered our able editorial board with several new editors. This support produces an increasingly professional publication which parallels the development of our profession. I thank you for your contribution of time and talent on behalf of the Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Palmer, CCP
Editor