

## From the Editor

Dear Readers:

Perfusion has come a long way since its infancy. In those times several decades ago we attempted to create gas exchangers and reservoirs that didn't foam too badly nor destroy too many red blood cells. Today we are looking closely at the effects of cardiopulmonary bypass and its related hardware and software on blood elements we didn't even know about in those early days. We are indeed fine tuning our equipment and techniques to create perfusion that is more physiological.

The papers in this final issue of Volume 31 present the work of several groups that are exploring and monitoring this fine tuning. Two of these papers were award winning convention presentations:

The 1999 Scientific Poster Presentation Award Pamela Parrish

The 1998 Fellowship Award Clinton Jones

Congratulations to both of these authors for their excellent work done as students.

We can only speculate about what we will accomplish in the next 30 years, but it will not be an easy task to surpass the achievements of the last 30.

Sincerely,

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Editor

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