

From the Editor

Make the Most of Every Interaction

For the past 10 years, I have had the privilege of serving as editor of this Journal. During this time, with the guidance of the editorial board and the support of American Society of ExtraCorporeal Technology (AmSECT) leadership, we have made important strides, including:

- The blinding of the reviewers to authors and institutions (1).
- Paperless submission and review process using the editorial manager.
- Collaboration with the Australia and New Zealand College of Perfusion (2).
- Publication of Perfusion Down Under Conference manuscripts.
- Publication of AmSECT's 2013 Standards and Guidelines (3).
- Publication of Guidelines for Temperature Management during Cardiopulmonary Bypass (4).
- Archiving of the Journal in the National Library of Medicine.
- Providing worldwide, open access to 10 years of the journal's contents through PubMed Central®.

We have made steady progress on this journey to disseminated scholarly work in our field that is useful for clinical perfusionists and others involved in the treatment of patients using extracorporeal technology.

I will be stepping down from the role of editor in March of 2016. The future for our journal is bright with Julie Wegner taking over as editor. Julie received a doctorate degree in physiology from the University of Arizona and then completed the inaugural class of the perfusion program at the University of Arizona. Her main research interests are hemostasis and inflammation. She served as chair of AmSECT's New Advances in Blood Management conferences from 2007 to 2014. She served as adjunct professor at Midwestern University's Perfusion Education Program from 2002 until 2012. Julie has been an active associate editor of the Journal since 2000. She has an impressive record as a reviewer—always thorough, thoughtful, and with assignments completed on time. In 2013, Julie completed the Council of Science Editor's Short Course for Journal Editors. Julie has been one of this editor's most trusted advisors. I know that the Journal's progress will accelerate under her leadership.

The *Journal of ExtraCorporeal Technology* will soon begin its 48th year of publication. The Journal was born from early pump technicians' desire for scholarly interac-



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tion with their peers. Likewise, as I reflect on the past 10 years, what I treasure most are the many interactions with authors, reviewers, and the editorial board. Our shared passion for understanding the science and providing accurate communication of important information about extracorporeal technology has provided a common ground for expression and understanding. While many submissions were not published, in most cases, the scholarly work product was greatly improved by the peer-review process, and all parties learned and grew. Human interaction is powerful. Atule Gwande has said that human interaction is the key force in overcoming resistance and speeding change (5). It has also been said that, every human interaction offers the chance to make things better or to make things worse. We would all do well to be more deliberate in every one of our interactions with others, seeing every encounter as an opportunity to make things better.

I am extremely grateful to the Associate Editors, Editorial Board, and Reviewers. Their expertise and countless hours of corporate effort are the lifeblood of the Journal. I appreciate the trust and strong support that I received from AmSECT Presidents; Carla Maul, Susan Englert, Dave Fitzgerald, and Jeff Riley. I am also extremely grateful to our phenomenal journal staff, including Kay Stammers (Former Managing Editor), Barbara Tolan (Managing Editor), Caroline Bowers (Former Production Manager, Sheridan Group), Lisa Small (Production Manager, Sheridan Group), Beverly Bernard (Graphic Design), and especially Donna Pendarvis (AmSECT Association Manager). They have all been instrumental in our success over the past 10 years and personally made this a most delightful and enriching experience for me.

I eagerly await the next issue of the Journal, and I am confident that what lies ahead for the Journal is beyond our wildest dreams.

“Use your heads as you live and work among outsiders. Don’t miss a trick. Make the most of every opportunity. Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out.”

Colossians 4:5–6

The Message

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