
MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Looking ahead: The state and future of the *Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy*

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Over my career, I have been fortunate to witness the evolution and growth of this publication. A crucial resource for cardiopulmonary practitioners, the *Journal* provides robust evidence and information to support you in delivery of evidence-based care. The increasing quality of submissions is a testament to the growing capacity of respiratory therapists as leaders in healthcare research and evidence-based medicine. With this growth, we have seen wider reaching contributions both regionally and professionally.

Exposure to cardiopulmonary research authored by colleagues from disciplines beyond respiratory therapy and borders beyond Canada carries with it the benefit of exposing our readership to unique clinical perspectives, expertise, and methodologies. These benefits work in synergy when research teams are composed of multiple healthcare professionals.

Analogous to the improved health outcomes associated with multidisciplinary patient care, interprofessional collaborative research (ICR) aims to address complex research questions by leveraging the unique scientific perspectives of disciplines. In an era of increasingly complex health issues, ICR offers access of research teams to resources to address these issues that may not be available to siloed disciplines working in isolation [1]. Indeed, emerging ICR research teams, together with interprofessional education and clinical practice, create an integrated “nexus” aimed at enhancing population health, decreasing healthcare costs, and improving satisfaction with healthcare received [2].

An additional aspect of the evolution of the *Journal* that will benefit both its readership and authorship is our current migration to a rolling publication model. Rolling publication is article-based publishing as opposed to issue-based publishing. When an article is in its final form, rather than waiting for the article to be in a print issue before it is published, the article is published in its final form online. Authors benefit with a reduction in time to publication. Authors can be confident that their novel results will be published as quickly as possible. As such, authors can be confident that they will be the first to share their discoveries; this is an increasing pressure in academia. As an extension of this, the readership will be able to access, scrutinize, and implement the latest information. It is our hope that this will translate to improved and efficient care, leading to better health outcomes.

Our readers can expect to receive new information in a timely manner. Be sure to check the homepage (cjrt.ca) often for the latest articles. Every three months, the issue will be collated and placed in the archives on the *Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy* website.



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Finally, we are excited to promote our forthcoming Primary Care special issue. We are accepting submissions until 1 May 2018. I encourage everyone interested in submitting for this special issue, or any other submission, to visit our homepage to find author resources and guides provided by the Editorial Board.

I am truly excited and humbled to assume the role of Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy* and continue to contribute to our wonderful profession. I would like to acknowledge the foundational and continuing support of the Editorial Board—past, present, and future—whose invaluable and tireless efforts have advanced the *Journal* and its robust content throughout the years. Additionally, my warm gratitude goes to Dr. Andrew West, whose ongoing leadership, guidance, and advocacy of the *Journal* and the profession has set an ambitious standard to achieve.

As the Editor-in-Chief, I value transparency in our processes. I look forward to responsive open communication and discourse with our readership and authors. I encourage both authors and readers to contact me at editorinchief@csrt.com with any questions or concerns or for any general discussion surrounding the *Journal*. Let the discussions continue!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Sorge'.

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