

## EDITOR'S PAGE



# JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions 2.0

## The Journey Begins

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On becoming the new editor-in-chief of *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions*, I have been asked on various occasions whether the journal will change, and if so, how. Certainly, when I applied for the position, the ACC Publications Committee wanted to know where I envisioned the journal moving forward (and wanted my thoughts in 5,000 words or less including references and figure legends). I am joking about the word count. But that is the first point and perhaps the main point; we need to enjoy the journey, even if it means not always taking ourselves so seriously. As I think about all the trips I have made in life, I think I enjoyed the people with whom I traveled more than the destinations, and it should be that way with *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions*. So what I thought I would do with this Editor's Page is to briefly list some of my thoughts about our journey, with the promise to dive into these topics in more detail throughout the next year.

We need to like the view out the window and the conversation along the way. With this in mind, I have asked the Heart House team to help put together a survey for our readers. Do you like what you are seeing or would you like something a bit different? We may not know if we do not ask. Everyone involved with interventional cardiology knows of the exciting, huge, percutaneous advances being made with the treatment of structural heart diseases. So for sure, structural heart disease interventions will have a prominent place in the journal for the foreseeable future. We will continue to primarily focus on original research by publishing the best, full-length scientific papers possible. Yet in addition, because of the novelty of so many emerging devices, technologies, and

procedures, we will publish a limited number of shorter reports or "research letter" focusing on innovations or first-in-man experiences.

Likewise, do you enjoy the view you have? For me personally, I very much like manuscripts with an embedded Central Illustration, and many journals have adopted this viewing including *JACC*. I would like to see all *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions'* original articles with a Central Illustration and perhaps an annual issue with all the best figures that summarize the key results of the leading papers from the past year. Separately, we have enjoyed publishing Images in Intervention and will continue to include several image presentations in print and others (frequently with video clips) online. We will also continue to grow our social media platforms and use our Facebook page to highlight some of the eye-catching cardiovascular images as well as key manuscripts.

As I alluded, perhaps most important are our traveling partners, those with whom we enjoy the journey. This will take several future Editor's Pages to delve into further. For now, it must be appreciated that although *JACC's* name implies it is a journal with trekkers from the United States or perhaps North America or possibly all the Americas, it really is much more. Indeed, last year alone, *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions* received manuscripts from 51 countries, and roughly 70% of submissions were from countries other than the United States. So, we need to go global with our resources for readers, authors, and reviewers. Moreover, we need to continually think about diversity and inclusivity given our global companions. As but 1 example, consider that approximately 10% of interventional cardiologists in

the United States are female (1,2). The global percentage is probably similarly low. We can explain (but hopefully not rationalize) this low percentage by many factors such as the work-life balance that interventional cardiology careers have been challenged by, but that is not the right way to look forward.

So as we begin this 2.0 journey, let us figure out what we want to see, how to have the best view,

and most importantly, how to enjoy our trip by making each other the best traveling companions we can be.

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