

Letter From the President

Dear ACTS Colleagues,

Our journal, the *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science* (JCTS), serves many critical functions. The JCTS publishes 500 + of our annual meeting abstracts and first rate clinical translational science articles, is one of a few journals to publish research education and career development articles, and is increasingly a source of national communication. JCTS is one of three important shared initiatives with our partner Clinical Research Forum, along with advocacy and our annual meeting, Translational Science. Most importantly, the journal conveys our identity. I hope to discuss that identity more with you in coming months as we hone our vision for a culture of clinical translational science.



Over the past year Dr. George Mashour has served with distinction as our editor-in-chief. Along with the associate editors and our publishers, he has elevated the impact of JCTS. In a recent report to the Board Dr. Mashour said "...The usage data [is] at a record high (almost 8000 full article downloads and around 10,000 abstract views) [This] data represents a 5-7-fold increase compared to when I took over in April 2018. The average time to decision for a new manuscript was 39 days and average time to decision on a revision was 4. Collectively, I would say that April was the best month we have ever had..."

The University of Michigan has asked for more of George's time, an acknowledgment of his leadership. He has notified the Publications Committee and the Board of his intention not to renew his agreement with us when it expires at the end of December 2019. We are in the process of launching a nationwide search for a new editor. This search seeks someone who can lead the journal and also represent the spectrum of clinical translational science and career development. As the search committee is being formed, we need your nominations of individuals who can continue the trajectory of our journal. I look forward to hearing from you. I know you care as I was very gratified that our call for volunteers yielded over 60 individuals who are interested in serving! Each of our challenges will be met with success because of the willingness of our outstanding members to contribute to ACTS. I am appreciative.

Frederick J. Meyers, MD, MACP
President ACTS

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- BERD (Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Research Design)
- Clinical Research Professional Taskforce (CRPT)
- Education Administrators and Coordinators
- Evaluation
- Partners for the Advancement of Community Engaged Research (PACER)
- Regulatory Science
- Research Operations and Administration

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JCTS's mission is to provide a forum for the rapid communication of topics of interest and relevance to the large and diverse community of clinical and translational scientists with the goal of improving the efficiency with which health needs inform research and new diagnostics, therapies, and preventive measures reach the public. The Association for Clinical and Translational Science has partnered with the American Physician Scientists Association (APSA) and the Clinical Research Forum (CRF) to support the growth and development of JCTS.

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News From the Hill

News From the Hill: May 3, 2019

Both the House and Senate have been working at a rapid pace to advance Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 appropriations measures. The Senate has a tentative schedule to markup all spending bills before the August congressional recess and the House has already started its markup process.



This year, the FY 2020 Labor-Health and Human Services-Education (LHHS) appropriations bill is one of the first to move forward with the House holding committee action.

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