

Letter From the JCTS Editor

JCTS: Proud of our past, excited about our future

At the end of 2019, I will be stepping down from my role as Editor-in-Chief of JCTS due to increasing institutional responsibilities. As such, I have been reflecting on the progress that has been made through the dedicated efforts of our editorial board, journal staff, publishers, and—of course—you as authors and readers. In the past year and half, we have built on the original foundations of the journal and accomplished the following:



- Substantially increased both the quantity and quality of submissions
- Reduced time to decisions on new manuscripts from, on average, 65 days to 44 days
- Reduced time to decisions on revised manuscripts from, on average, 29 days to 8 days
- Accelerated the publication of manuscripts, which now appear within days of acceptance instead of months
- Updated and streamlined the formatting style of our articles
- Developed themed issues, with active efforts dedicated to implementation science, rural health, translational methods, and (in the near future) education
- Fostered new and productive collaborations with the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences and the American Physician Scientists Association
- More than quintupled the number of abstract and full article views
- And, most recently, **received final approval for indexing on PubMed**, a critically important milestone for the journal

As I reflect on the work of our team and our translational science community, I feel pride and gratitude. As I look ahead at the possibilities for the journal to build on this new foundation, I feel excited. I am confident that the commitment of the JCTS editors and the support of the board of the Association for Clinical and Translational Science will position the journal for new heights in its next phase. It has been a true privilege serving JCTS and the community of translational researchers across the world during my time as Editor-in-Chief.

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Field MRI Conference



The University of Minnesota Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI), in partnership with the University's Center for Magnetic Resonance Research, is pleased to announce a conference entitled "[Toward the Clinical Translation of Ultra-High Field MRI](#)" on Nov. 18-19, 2019.

This conference aims to identify the promise of ultra-high field MRI at addressing unmet clinical needs, highlight

the current and future technologies required to fully exploit 7T in addressing these applications, and discuss the cost-benefit question, "Does the availability of 7T improve clinical outcomes?"

The event will appeal to clinical investigators who currently use or anticipate using ultra-high field imaging in their clinical practice, individuals with interests in the clinical application of ultra-high field imaging, and early career investigators with a dual interest in ultra-high field imaging and the management of a particular clinical problem.

[Registration](#) is free and limited, yet required by Nov. 1, 2019. For more details, please [visit the conference website](#).

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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.

[Submit your article today to be featured in future issues of JCTS!](#) Please also visit the [JCTS website](#) for information on our themed issues related to Dissemination and Implementation as well as Rural Health and Data Science in Clinical and Translational Research.

News From the Hill

News from the Hill: Sept 18, 2019

Following agreement on a budget deal, Senate appropriators were expected to mark up their Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 spending bills shortly after convening in early September. Those plans were thrown into question though when partisan disagreements over “poison pill” policy riders derailed a few of the hearing, including the markup of the FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education (LHSS) Appropriations Bill.



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Translational Science Today



Li receives Pathway to Independence Award

Posted in NC TraCS News on September 18, 2019 From \$2K pilot award to K99/R00 - Li receives Pathway to Independence Award Wentao Li, PhD, postdoctoral research associate in the Sancar lab, received a K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award from the ...

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