

Letter From the President

Dear Colleagues,

We have had quite a year! Our journal, the *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science* (JCTS), is now referenced on PubMed and we welcome the new editor, Dr. Lars Berglund. Last year's highly successful Translational Science 2019 (TS19) set the stage for what now promises to be a remarkable TS20. Abstracts and registrations are running ahead of last year and an expanded number of awards, our precision medicine theme, and increased numbers of sessions lead to great expectations! Our advocacy efforts to support clinical translational research, represented by CTSA funding and PCORI funding, have been highly effective and a highlight for me this year. Our special interest groups (SIGs) are fully engaged, and we are planning two new special interest groups, one in informatics and one for our scholar trainees. Our partner organizations, CR Forum, AFMR, AAMC, NCATS, and PhRMA, add complementary strength to all our activities. We are grateful to them. Our financial status is strong. Our staff support from headquarters at SmithBucklin has risen to the challenge of an increasingly complex and strategic set of initiatives.



Diversity, inclusion, excellence, and equity is the theme that ties all our activities together. We are strong because we are diverse. We are committed to teamwork and collaboration with all the benefits and all the challenges that building effective teams brings to our collective efforts.

I am sincerely optimistic that the trajectory of ACTS will continue. In 2020 we will welcome new leadership on the board as well as in our membership. The efforts of our volunteer leadership and of our broad-based membership are all done to ensure the sustained impacts of the range of clinical translational research, an impact that shows an improvement on healthcare and population health that would not have been done without your efforts.

This is the time of the year where we can recharge our batteries, enjoy our diverse personal community and family, and recommit to the altruism that drives us each day. I am honored to be part of your efforts and look forward to your ongoing achievements.

Frederick J. Meyers, MD, MACP
President ACTS

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ACTS' first live webinar, planned by the ACTS Education Committee, is now available to view in recorded format!

In this one-hour webinar, Janice Gabrilove, MD, FASP and Layla Fattah, MPharm, MEd provided attendees with an overview of the Mount Sinai Health Hackathon experience by showcasing the vision, mission, outcomes and impact of this novel initiative. Learn more about how you can

watch this recording [here](#).

ACTS institutional and individual members can view this recorded webinar for free. There is a \$25 cost for non-members.

Journal of Clinical and Translational Science

Volume 3 / Issue 6 of the Journal of Clinical and Translational Science is available online!

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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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A joint investment of \$45 million will aid a Rutgers-led team in developing medical breakthroughs for New Jersey patients faster through the New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science (NJ ACTS). Vice Chancellor for Translational...

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