

New Leadership and a New Look

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With an awesome sense of pride and responsibility, I assume the role of Editor-in-Chief with this issue of *The Ochsner Journal*. I wish to thank my predecessors, Editors-in-Chief Emeriti Drs Robert Perrillo, William Pinsky, and David Beck, for their outstanding contributions and success in elevating the *Journal* to its current level of excellence. Their vision and mine for the future are to have the *Journal* continue to serve as a critical instrument for driving the aggregate reputation score of the Ochsner Health System. After all, *The Ochsner Journal* is an outward demonstration to our readers of how we at Ochsner “Serve, Heal, Lead, Educate, and Innovate.”

A new page layout debuts in the summer 2015 issue of *The Ochsner Journal*. The goal is to bring a fresh, contemporary look to the *Journal* through a variety of design alterations: (1) an updated font and new spacing/alignment; (2) a dynamic presentation of abstracts and keywords; (3) a clear statement of the article category; and (4) a judicious use of space to present affiliations, corresponding author information, and disclosures.

The *Journal's* table of contents has also been redesigned for a cleaner appearance. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)/American Board of Medical Specialties Maintenance of Certification (ABMS MOC) competency numbers have been removed from the table of contents, and the fonts and spacing have been updated. The ACGME/ABMS MOC competencies are still listed after each article, and to further enhance the teaching value of the *Journal*, we have added detailed descriptions of each competency on the reverse of this page.

Finally, in the not too distant future, look for an updated cover design.

This issue contains a diverse and interesting selection of contributions involving general medical topics. Highlights include an original research article that reports the results of a survey on surgical safety from the patient's perspective, a literature review on clinical comparative effectiveness research, and a case report that details the preservation of a forearm loop arteriovenous graft via the development of a median cubital venous collateral.



We are diligently working to expand the number of external reviewers to handle future *Journal* submissions, and changes to the composition of the editorial board are likely to follow. I wish to thank the editorial board, our reviewers, and all our contributors for their collective efforts that serve to enhance the overall quality of *The Ochsner Journal*. A debt of gratitude must also be expressed to the outstanding editorial staff who work so hard to produce and support each issue.