



## Editorial

## Welcome, Drs. King and Mintz, and New CRM Editorial Board



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As the Editor-in-Chief of *Cardiovascular Revascularization Medicine* (CRM), I am pleased to welcome Spencer B. King, III, as Editor-At-Large for the journal. Dr. King is among the founders of the field of interventional cardiology, a professor of medicine emeritus at Emory University School of Medicine, past president of the American College of Cardiology, and founding Editor-in-Chief of *JACC: Cardiovascular Interventions*. He was co-developer of the multi-purpose technique of coronary arteriography and has directed invasive and interventional cardiology training for more than 150 cardiology fellows. In his role, Dr. King will have the last page of the journal to reflect his views on a variety of topics related to the field. Dr. King is joining Dr. Gary S. Mintz, who recently became our Consulting Editor. With their help, I trust that the quality of the journal will rise, and they will be instrumental in picking the most valuable and provocative manuscripts.

In addition, it is with great pleasure that I welcome our new Editorial Board, which is the largest and strongest that the journal has ever had. The Editorial Board members are all faculty of the annual Cardiovascular Research Technologies (CRT) meeting. CRM is the official journal of the meeting. The faculty who agreed to serve on the Editorial Board have committed to submit at least one manuscript a year and to review manuscripts submitted to the journal.

Finally, we have added the Young Leaders Editorial Board, which consists of the young leaders who participated at the CRT 2019 meeting in March. This is the only journal to my knowledge that has a dedicated editorial board for physicians in the early stages of their career. With the growth of the journal to 12 printed issues per year this year, and an average of 5 editorials per issue, it is now our goal to focus on quality and distribution. We are aiming to publish up to 150 manuscripts a year including reviews and state-of-the-art papers, which will require close selection for the best of the best manuscripts and eventually will make the journal more impactful and positioned among the leading journals in

the field of interventional cardiology. The distribution of the content in print and digitally will have open access to leading articles and all editorials. Social media will continue to play a role in direct communication between the authors and readers via the social media platforms Twitter and Facebook.

We are continuing to offer the option to become CRT adjunct faculty to the first and corresponding authors of accepted manuscripts and the opportunity to present their work at the CRT meeting. These initiatives enhance the relationship between the meeting and the journal and the [CRTonline.org](http://CRTonline.org) website. The relationship between the meeting, the website, and the journal enhances each of outlet with exposure of the content, which is advantageous for the authors who get their work published and disseminated to the interventional cardiology community.

Obviously, this cannot be accomplished without the help of our managing editor, Jason Wermers, our publisher, Heather Luciano, and Elsevier, the company that publishes and distributes the journal. Major events and breaking news continue to occur in our vibrant field. Among them are drug-coated balloon mortality controversy, transcatheter aortic valve replacement for patients at low risk of surgical mortality, Shockwave for the treatment of calcified lesions, thinner struts in drug-eluting stents, sirolimus-coated balloons, and therapies for functional mitral regurgitation. We hope to see more updated manuscripts on these topics and others in our journal in the upcoming issues. We also call on startups to submit their novel technologies and therapies that are undergoing feasibility studies for publication in our journal. I have no doubt that CRM can play an important role in the communication and help to advance and disseminate the myriad of information associated with the field.

I hope that you will enjoy the current issue and look forward to receiving upcoming issues at your desk or online.