

Editor's Perspective

Several months into our tenure at *Circulation: Heart Failure*, the new team of editors continues to learn about the journal, our readers, and the investigators submitting their work to our journal. It has been an interesting period of rapid learning and refinement of strategy. As the *Circulation* family journal devoted to science and discovery in the fields of advanced heart failure (HF), mechanical circulatory support, and transplant, *Circulation: Heart Failure* is a home for the most rigorous, mechanistic science poised at the interface of the laboratory and the clinic. Our very talented basic science editors, Carol Gregorio, PhD, and Henk Granzier, PhD, regularly curate the many basic science submissions we receive to find those that are most relevant to the clinical community. The majority of our editors are clinician investigators spanning scientific areas from genomics and proteomics, pharmacology and physiology, to clinical trials, outcomes, and epidemiology. Every time we convene to discuss the submissions to the journal, I am impressed with the rigor and thoughtfulness with which these editors are approaching the task of finding superb and clinically impactful science to publish.

As an entirely online publication, we are working closely with John Ryan, MD, our digital strategies editor, to increase our online and social media presence in the HF community. We kicked this effort off with a Twitter journal club on July 20. Our first journal club was in fact not an actual journal club, but rather an opportunity to interact with me, as editor-in-chief, to learn more about the journal's strategy, the editors' perspective and thinking during this transition, and some of our new features. We had great engagement and excellent questions from our readership, with lots of excitement and conversation. For me, the hour flew by, and I can see the enormous potential of interacting with and learning from our online readership. See the Storify of that hour at <https://storify.com/CircHF/meet-the-new-editor-of-circ-hf>. Watch for future journal clubs of the more traditional sort, focused on a newly published article with a chance to discuss the science with the author, and the associate editor's perspective on the process of selecting that science for the journal.

During our first Twitter journal club, the excitement about our new efforts clearly peaked when discussing a revamped section of the journal we are calling the Emerging Investigators feature. The new team of editors has defined an emerging investigator as someone within 10 years of their terminal training (consonant with the National Institutes of Health definition). In contrast to the Forum for Early Career Clinical Investigation series of the prior editorial team, we are using this feature in several new ways. First, it is important to note that the degree of rigor with which the submissions to this feature are reviewed is identical to all the other science in the journal. Highly talented early career investigators do not need special consideration of their work but do need support for such. Emerging investigators will be featured prominently on social media and will have unique opportunities, such as visiting with the editors at the American Heart Association meet-

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ing. Such a visit to the editors' meeting will provide a unique opportunity to view the inner workings of the journal and the objectivity with which each submission is approached. However, the feature that excites us the most about this online emerging investigators effort is the opportunity for our platform to build a digital, interactive community for emerging investigators in HF, mechanical circulatory support, and transplant cardiology. Forming relationships with colleagues around the globe is challenging in the early years of a career when money and time are limited, when work life balance is hard, and when identifying colleagues who can help is opaque. Yet these are the years when forming such relationships is most important and rewarding and can change the trajectory of a scientific career through collaboration and exchange of ideas.

This month, we feature our first Emerging Investigator, Dr Rebecca Cogswell at the University of Minnesota. Dr Cogswell submitted to us her study examining the sensitivity of pectoral muscle area by computed tomography for prediction of outcomes following mechanical circulatory support implantation in advanced HF patients.¹ The editors found this work to be particularly clever, novel and impactful because Dr Cogswell describes an objective, quantifiable measurement of something, frailty, with which we as clinicians struggle every day, using routinely obtained imaging. Dr Meredith Brisco-Bacik, one of our associate editors, who not too long ago was an emerging investigator herself, is spearheading efforts around the Emerging Investigators feature. Please visit our homepage to read more about Dr Cogswell (<http://circheartfailure.ahajournals.org/content/emerging-investigators>) and be sure to join us for a Twitter chat with her on September 27 at 8 PM Eastern time.

In the September issue, we also have our first Spotlight, focused on pulmonary vascular disease and pulmonary hypertension. The critical nature of accurate measurement of pulmonary hemodynamics and the importance of those measurements to HF, mechani-

cal circulatory support, and transplant outcomes are explored in several original investigations, as well as expert commentary.²⁻⁵ The science of pulmonary hypertension intersects in important ways with HF, particularly group 2 pulmonary hypertension, but also the importance of right ventricular function in all types of pulmonary hypertension, centering on coupling between the right ventricle and the pulmonary vasculature. In the coming year, you will see several such Spotlight issues, highlighting areas of growing scientific importance that are increasingly overlapping with the clinical areas of HF, mechanical circulatory support, and transplant.

I hope you can see in this issue our determination to build a team at the journal that spans all areas of the globe, all levels of scientific achievement, and all aspects of cardiovascular science centering in HF, cardiopulmonary function, and advanced therapy. See more about our efforts in next month's editor's column. Until then, find me online at @DrNancySweitzer!

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