Updates to Anesthesia Progress

It has been 2 years since I took over as Editor of *Anesthesia Progress*. If you are a long-time author or reviewer, you would have noticed many changes to our journal. The functionality of Peer Track, our online submission and revision program, has been optimized. We now track all articles, revisions, and reviews through the system. Our response time for articles to receive an initial decision is generally less than 6 weeks. For most articles that require revision for final acceptance, that acceptance usually occurs within 3 months assuming typical timetables. We are also able to keep track of our articles more efficiently, which I hope gives confidence to authors that their submissions will be reviewed expeditiously.

I felt the time was right to begin to update other areas of *Anesthesia Progress*. You have obviously seen the new cover at this point. Our old cover is now over 20 years old. My guess is that many of you have never seen the shadow of a face in the upper, dark blue portion of the old cover! But you will see it if you look closely at an older issue. Our new cover maintains aspects of the older version with updates that reflect the current practice of local anesthesia, sedation, and general anesthesia in dentistry. In that regard, the byline "A Journal of Pain and Anxiety Control in Dentistry" has been changed to "The Journal of Sedation and Anesthesiology in Dentistry" to clearly reflect the niche our journal strives to fill in the dental literature. Inside, the font and entire look has been updated. Color will be available throughout the journal and will allow authors to more easily publish color graphs and figures. I hope you will find these changes a pleasant update that enhances your enjoyment of our journal.

Importantly, our Editorial Board is also undergoing changes. First, I would like to thank the outgoing members of the Board. These individuals are a true Who's Who of sedation and anesthesiology practice within our profession. Some have recently entered retirement. In alphabetical order, we start with Dr O. Ross Beirne, long time professor and past chairman of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at University of Washington. Dr Beirne has received multiple national awards, has numerous publications, and many of you have heard him speak eloquently at the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology (ADSA) meetings over the years. Dr Yuzuru Kaneko, past chair of Dental Anesthesiology and past Dean at Tokyo Dental College, also has received numerous national and international awards.

Kaneko-sensei is recognized as almost single handedly getting the government of Japan to recognize Dental Anesthesiology as only the fourth specialty in dentistry in Japan. Dr Stanley Malamed needs no introduction from me. He is arguably the most well-known dentist anesthesiologist *in the world* having lectured in practically every country around the globe. A long-time professor of Dental Anesthesiology at University of Southern California, Dr Malamed surely has more awards from more organizations than any other dentist anesthesiologist. Dr Paul Moore is past chair of Dental Anesthesiology as well as past director of research and graduate education at University of Pittsburgh. Yet another multiple national award winner, Dr Moore is best known for his prolific contributions to the literature in pain pharmacology. Dr Stephen Wilson, most recently professor and chair of Pediatric Dentistry at University of Cincinnati Children's Hospital, is synonymous with sedation in pediatric dentistry. Dr Wilson has been involved in every pediatric sedation guideline that has affected pediatric dental practice for years. He is a long standing author of the American Academy of Pediatrics/American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Sedation Guidelines and also a prolific researcher with a focus on sedation and behavior management techniques. A special thank you to Dr Ken Reed who has served as Associate Editor for over 15 years and has helped with numerous reviews and editing projects. Dr Reed is Associate Director of the Dental Anesthesiology Residency Program at New York University/Lutheran Medical Center and the current president of ADSA. Lastly, although no longer on the Editorial Board, I would like to acknowledge Dr Joel Weaver, our previous editor for almost 20 years, who joins this illustrious group of overachievers to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude. We use the contributions in research, education, and service from all of these renowned scientists every day in our practices. Thank you for being a part of *Anesthesia Progress*.

Our new Editorial Board is only partly new. Dr Daniel Haas, chair of dental anesthesiology and dean of the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry, Dr Stuart Lieblich, clinical professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at University of Connecticut, and Dr Morton Rosenberg, professor of Anesthesiology at Tufts University Schools of Medicine and Dentistry, have all agreed to continue on the Board. We welcome 5 new members to the Board. Dr Joseph Giovannitti is the current chair of Dental Anesthesiology at University of Pittsburgh. Dr Giovannitti is a prolific researcher,

lecturer, and past president of the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists. Dr Takehiko Iijima is professor of Dental Anesthesiology at Showa University in Japan and the current editor of the *Journal of the Japanese Dental Society of Anesthesiology*. Dr Deepak Krishan is an assistant professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at University of Cincinnati School of Medicine and a frequent lecturer at ADSA and related groups. Dr John Nusstein is professor and chair of Endodontics at The Ohio State University and a prolific researcher in local anesthesia for dentistry. And last but certainly not least, is Dr Sarat “Bobby” Thikkurissy, professor and chair of Pediatric Dentistry at University of Cincinnati Children’s Hospital who has taken up the cause of pediatric dental sedation as a main focus of his professional career. Dr Mark Saxen will take over as a new Associate Editor. Dr Saxen frequently publishes in *Anesthesia Progress*. He is a long-standing faculty member at Indiana University and is currently Co-Director of the Sedation and Anesthesia Research Group at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Thank you to our current Editorial Board for your past and future efforts with *Anesthesia Progress*. I, along with our other Associate Editor, Dr James Tom, look forward to your input to improve the high quality of *Anesthesia Progress*.

A medical journal requires many people to help make it come to life. I wish to thank all our reviewers without whose efforts, the quality of our publications would not be as high. Our publishing staff at Allen Press, particularly Mr Peter Burns and Mr Chris Brower, are great people who are a pleasure to work with.

I encourage all of you to let me know how you like the changes to *Anesthesia Progress*. And, please let me know of any suggestions you might have to improve our journal. Again, thank you to all who give of their valuable time to making *Anesthesia Progress* the excellent journal that it strives to be.

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