FROM THE EDITORS

Thanks to RIMJ’s Guest Editors of 2015

We would like to extend our gratitude to the following Rhode Island Medical Journal’s (RIMJ) guest editors for their willingness and perseverance in producing the 2015 themed issues:

**BRIAN T. MONTAGUE, DO, MPH**
Infectious Diseases in RI (Jan. 2015)

**JULIE ROTH, MD**
Headache Disorders (Feb. 2015)

**RENEE SHIELD, PhD**
Long-term Care in RI (March 2015)
Transitions/End-of-Life Care in RI (April 2015)

**GARY BUBLY, MD; ILSE JENOURI, MD, MBA**
Emergency Medicine (June 2016)

**JULIANNE Y. IP, MD**
Program in Liberal Medical Education, Parts 1 & 2 (July, Aug. 2015)

**PAUL GEORGE, MD, MHPE; JEFFREY BORKAN, MD, PhD**
Primary Care-Population Medicine Program at the Alpert Medical School

**MURRAY RESNICK, MD, PhD; KIMBERLY PEREZ, MD**
Updates in Oncology, Parts 1 & 2; (Oct.-Nov. 2015)

**JON MUKAND, MD, PhD**
Neurorehabilitation: (Dec. 2015)

As the above guest editors can attest, it is a time-consuming process to compile an issue containing four to six manuscripts – from a rapid four months to a more typical six to nine months. The guest editor begins with a theme, followed by deciding on specific topics within the focal area, and then soliciting senior authors, who often call upon students, residents and Fellows to participate.

It’s a veritable editorial merry-go-round of corrections/clarifications and streamlining, with the completed manuscripts sent on to RIMJ for peer review, only to be followed by a further round of revisions.

And just when the guest editor and contributors think they are done, the managing editor pesterst them for author photos, galleys to review – all on a deadline.

We hope it is worth their while, and we note it provides an opportunity for physicians and healthcare professionals just starting out on their medical journeys to hone their research, writing, and editing skills, and hope they take editorial suggestions in their stride: “shorter is better, cut 1,000 words,” “you forgot the citations,” “please reference the figures/charts in the text,” “impact is not a verb,” etc. etc. etc.

RIMJ’s mission is to report the advances in medicine and healthcare in Rhode Island and the work of the guest editors and their contributors is integral to this mission.

Thank you all, and our best wishes for a healthy and grammatically correct 2016.

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