Editorial

Looking Back and Marching Forward: New Features in 2022

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In the past 2 years, the world has faced immense challenges that have had far-reaching effects in every corner of the globe. The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has been at the forefront of medical research, and rheumatology is no exception. *The Journal of Rheumatology* has accepted a substantial number of articles focusing on how COVID-19 affects patients with rheumatic diseases (RDs) in terms of immune response to COVID-19 infection and to COVID-19 vaccination, with and without antirheumatic treatment; the effect of the pandemic on patients, including medication use and access to care; and how physicians—specifically rheumatologists—are caring for their patients. As the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) will remain a major topic of interest for the foreseeable future, we are grateful that we are able to do our part in publishing these important findings that will guide clinicians and rheumatologists worldwide. We will continue to publish these essential papers and interview authors to get a closer look at their research and to delve deeper into their first-hand experiences with patients during this pandemic.

We also welcome submissions for all articles related to rheumatology, as we constantly strive to publish the most innovative clinical and translational research in our field. With our excellent peer-review process and our dedication to helping our authors promote their research and reach a global audience, we encourage you to consider *The Journal* for your papers. Our vast library of video abstracts has proven to be very popular with authors and readers alike. Video abstracts and technique demonstrations have allowed researchers to disseminate their work even further, and we encourage all to submit one for their papers.

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For many years now we have showcased our Editor's Picks, a curated list on our website of 5 articles that are particularly timely and relevant to our readers and to the field of rheumatology. A few years ago, we enhanced this feature to include a podcast (available on the major streaming services) that provides an overview of the significance of each of the selected studies, along with a summary of an interesting case report from Images in Rheumatology, which remains one of our most popular sections. We also introduced "Editor's Picks Spotlight," and as the name suggests, it brings groundbreaking research to the forefront in an in-depth conversation with the authors, illuminating the study's findings and prompting dialogues on its relevance in both the current and future rheumatological landscape. You can view these videos on our website (www.jrheum.org) or listen to them as podcasts.

In this issue, I am excited to announce 2 new sections that will become regular features in *The Journal* beginning this year. The first, entitled "Panorama," will give readers a 360° view of rheumatology. Beginning with this month's thought-provoking piece from the viewpoint of a pediatrician/parent on their child's diagnosis of Kawasaki disease, we will publish articles, essays, art, and opinions from all people who are living with RDs or are involved in the care of individuals with RDs. These include perspectives from patients, parents/caregivers of people with RDs, patient advocates, physicians, allied healthcare professionals involved in all aspects of rheumatology, physicians, scientists, and trainees. Panorama also delves into a wide variety of topics, including but not limited to the following:

- Patient and caregiver experiences with RDs
- Interactions and experiences with patients and/or rheumatology in general
- Moral and/or ethical dilemmas
- Art and visual representations of rheumatology
- Reflections on the past, present, and future of rheumatology
- Rheumatology and society
- Historical vignettes

Because we would like this section to reach as wide an audience as possible, Panorama articles will be limited to approximately 1 page so that they can be easily read and shared as

we go about our busy lives. Full details are now listed in our Guide for Authors (www.jrheum.org/guideforauthors). Individuals who would like to contribute are welcome to submit their work for consideration.

You will find the second new feature in the July issue, called “Expert Reviews.” Our editorial committee will carefully select experts in the field to write review articles of clinically important issues in rheumatology. These will cover topics of significance such as genetics, treatments, machine learning,

statistics, and many more. If there are any other subjects you would like to read about, we welcome your suggestions.

Finally, *The Journal* looks forward to celebrating 50 years of success in 2023. We could not have gotten this far without all of you and we give our wholehearted thanks for your continued support. We hope you enjoy the new *Journal* features for 2022, and that they ignite discussions on issues that can have the power to further improve the lives of patients with RDs, which is a goal that we all share.