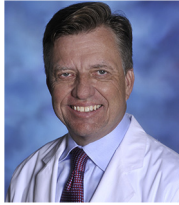


EDITOR'S PAGE



Q&A With the *JACC: Heart Failure* Editor-in-Chief



Marking the 5-Year Milestone

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This summer marked the 5-year anniversary of *JACC: Heart Failure*. We had a successful start for the newest heart failure journal of the family, and I am excited for the growth and continued success over the next 5 years. One new feature we will bring to our readership is Q&A with the legends of heart failure, who have shaped the field to where we are today. Stay tuned for an exciting lineup representing decades of achievement. As part of our 5-year anniversary, the American College of Cardiology prepared a Q&A with the editor, which I hope the readers will enjoy.

JACC: HEART FAILURE Q&A WITH THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

1. What have been your most memorable moments as editor-in-chief so far?

I would say that my most memorable moments have been working with the highly talented associate editors, reviewers, authors, and staff of *JACC: Heart Failure*. What I enjoy the most are the biweekly journal meetings when we review papers in a highly engaged discussion. We also discuss implementing practices, decide on new innovative approaches, and, importantly, decide which scientific papers merit publication in the journal. One of the most enjoyable components of my job is to interact with the highly talented, smart, knowledgeable cardiologists and heart failure experts from across the world, as well as with the highly talented staff at *JACC: Heart Failure*.

2. What do you consider to be the greatest advancements or your greatest achievements related to the journal so far?

I would have to say the launching of the new journal, gaining interest from the medical community across the world, and achieving an outstanding impact factor for our first edition have been the important achievements of the journal. We have had amazing support from the heart failure community, including some of my mentors and leaders in the field, including Drs. Eugene Braunwald, Jay Cohn, Marc Pfeffer, Karl Swedberg, Robert Califf, Tony DeMaria, Valentin Fuster, and so many others. I am also very pleased with the energy and contributions of our editorial team. The ability to work with this team really makes this equal to the greatest achievements.

3. What sets *JACC: Heart Failure* apart from other medical journals?

What sets *JACC: Heart Failure* apart from other medical journals is its keen application to clinical practice of heart failure and how the knowledge that is transmitted actually can change practice, change the way we think about heart failure, and improve the care to our patients.

4. What challenges do you think the journal will need to overcome in the future? And/or what are your goals for the next 5 years?

I think it is critical that we continue to innovate as a journal and as a method of transmitting knowledge and ideas to the national and international heart failure community. In this capacity, we will have to continue to have a greater presence on social media, use novel methods of transmitting information, continue to think about new approaches to providing information such as the dead letter office, innovative series such as the Food and

Drug Administration series, and the patient letters in the "Living With Heart Failure" column. It is also critical to me that we serve as a conduit for training the next generation of authors and reviewers, as we have with nurturing our *JACC: Heart Failure* fellows, many of whom now serve as social media and continuing medical education editors. I think more influence from patient advocacy groups into the journal may be a direction that we take in the future. Additionally, we should look toward the community of professionals who care for the heart failure patients and include input from the allied health professionals.

5. Anything else you would like to add?

I would say the *JACC: Heart Failure* represents a network community of the JACC family of journals and it is truly a team approach that we take. We learn from each other and work closely together as editors-in-chief of all the journals, and I think it is this family approach that really sets us apart.

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