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Letter From the Editors

To Contributors to the 2006 Issues

The journal depends on readers, authors, editorial board, peer reviewers, and our Penn-Jersey staff. We wish we could thank all of you personally, but doing so is not practical. Instead, we thank each of you as members of an honored group.

First and foremost, we thank the authors for their reviews, scientific articles, case reports, book reviews, and letters to the editors that come not only from the United States but from many countries of the world. This has given the journal an international flavor.

Our editorial board is a prestigious one and we depend on them, not only for peer reviews, but for guidance in policy and suggestions for improvements. Special thanks go to our medical editors, who review every article for medical content, and to our technical editors, who read every article for technical content. The current board is listed by name in the front of each issue of the journal.

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Changes in the journal

As 2007 begins, the editors take this opportunity to share some exciting changes that will occur in the journal. First of all, there will be a “changing of the guard” on the editorial board. We thank those board members who have served the journal so admirably over the years. We hope that they will continue to contribute to the journal as authors and peer reviewers. And we welcome new members to the editorial board.

Board members recognized for their vision and special contributions to making the journal possible will become members of the “Emeritus Editorial Board.” Without those individuals, the journal would not exist as we know it today.

We are introducing a new category of submissions, titled “Educational Forum.” The editors are soliciting submissions that illustrate serologic and clinical case histories with a focus on the resolution process to include the progressive steps from serology to clinical care, from bench to bedside. This category will provide and promote continuing education. Examples include an immunohematologic case that illustrates a sound investigative approach with clinical correlation, reflecting appropriate collaboration to sharpen problem solving skills. Annotated conference proceedings will also be accepted in this category. Submissions should be approximately 2000 to 2500 words and written in a progressive disclosure format. Headings may include:

- Clinical Case Presentation
- Immunohematologic Evaluation and Results
- Interpretation
- Recommended Therapy
- Discussion
- References—only pertinent
- Table(s), if applicable

We look forward to receiving submissions to this new category, to celebrating our emeritus board members, and to working with our new board members in the year ahead.

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