
From the Editors

We're in a time of change here at JCN...in case you missed the last issue, Joan Vitello-Cicciu has moved on to pursue her education, and the new co-editor is Debra Moser, DNSc, RN. Debra is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at The Ohio State University College of Nursing where she teaches critical care and mentors students of all levels (baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral). Many of you probably know of Debra from her work in heart failure, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, social support, treatment delay, quality of life, gender differences, and the relationship between anxiety and complications following acute myocardial infarction. She has lectured extensively and published many articles on these topics and others. Debra has years of critical care experience and recently assumed the role of community case manager in a heart failure program. Her clinical experience, wide network of colleagues, publishing expertise, quick mind, and charming personality make her a valued collaborator and a joy to work with. She holds a clear vision of nursing's potential contributions to health care, an important prerequisite to this job. This vision will facilitate our ability to plan topics and produce issues that move cardiovascular nursing forward, maximizing our potential contribution. Please welcome Debra Moser as the new co-editor of *The Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*.

In response to reader request and editorial board advice, we are also adding two departments to the journal: Outcomes Management and Pharmacology. We are delighted to announce Christi Deaton, PhD, RN, as the new Outcomes Management department editor and Karen Gyls, PhD, RN, as the new Pharmacology department editor.

Dr. Deaton is an Assistant Professor in the Adult and Elder Health Division of the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, she is the Coordinator of Outcomes Research for the Emory Heart Center, Emory University System of Health Care, and the Associate Director for Cardiovascular Health Services Research at the Center for Clinical Evaluation Sciences. She has years of experience as a critical care unit staff nurse, nurse clinician, clinical nurse coordinator, and cardiology clinical case manager and is

an accomplished researcher. As advanced practice nurses become more aware of the need to examine patient outcomes of practice, the importance of a department dedicated to outcomes research and management is clear. Dr. Deaton's expertise and leadership in this area combined with her cardiovascular experience make her the ideal person to head this department.

Dr. Gyls is currently lecturing in the School of Nursing at the University of California. She just completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine and Neuropsychiatric Institute, where she was studying molecular mechanisms in opioid receptor regulation. She had an extensive research background in cholinergic pharmacology and years of clinical nursing experience in the critical care unit. For several years, she has taught pharmacology to both undergraduate and advanced practice nursing students, and her ability to make complex concepts clear and to thoroughly explicate clinical aspects of pharmacology have made her a well-respected and highly sought-after teacher. These same qualities ensure that the Pharmacology department will be an excellent addition to the journal. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Deaton and Dr. Gyls to *The Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*!

Our two new departments will be dispersed throughout upcoming planned topics along with our existing Dysrhythmia department, which continues to be edited by Dr. Kathleen McCauley of the University of Pennsylvania. For example, this issue of JCN has both a Dysrhythmia department contribution from Dr. McCauley and colleagues and the first Pharmacology department contribution from Dr. Gyls. Dr. Deaton will make her debut in issue 12:4, the second part of this cardiovascular surgery update.

No doubt, Drs Deaton, Gyls, and McCauley would welcome your suggestions for articles. We hope that you will freely e-mail them with your suggestions at cdeaton@nurse.emory.edu, kgyls@npimain.medsch.ucla.edu, and kmccaule@pobox.upenn.edu.

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