From the Editor

This issue of the *Journal of Back and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation* is the first of many. It represents a change from our original format of presenting coverage of a specific topic and utilizing the expertise of a Guest Editor. While we will continue to cover specific topics in some issues, other issues will present a variety of articles on a wide range of topics and will be submitted by you, our readers. We believe this change is a positive one — one that will produce a more diverse journal and reach an even more diverse readership.

To facilitate this change, we welcome your manuscripts for consideration for publication in the Journal. All manuscripts are peer reviewed by the Editorial Board of the Journal and you will be notified as to the decision of the peer review no later than 60 days after manuscript submission.

In addition, we need your input. If you have not already completed the survey requesting your input (see Volume 6, No. 3 for copy), please complete it at your earliest convenience and return to the address listed. This will help us meet your needs so the Journal can remain a valuable resource for your library.

We also welcome your suggestions on sections or columns you would like to see in each issue of the Journal. This issue introduces the first installment of a section on Alternative Medicine. The section will be edited by Joseph Jacobs, MD, MBA, former Director of Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of Health. We believe alternative medical practices are an important avenue to explore in our field, yet one which has invited some controversy while not being covered extensively in the literature.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Journal.

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