

## Letter from the (New) Editor

It is my great delight as well as my great challenge to receive the torch from Dr. Rucker. This journal is unique in both its content and scope, and vital in the field of musculoskeletal rehabilitation in its science and clinical endeavor. No other journal directs itself specifically to this area, and a part of my challenge lies in continuing the excellent work of Dr. Rucker and her board to meet these needs. The second part of my challenge is to anticipate and foster the changes necessary to compete in the new healthcare information environment and provide our part of the impetus to adapt and change as we move forward. Musculoskeletal rehabilitation as a science is only just awakening, but the fact that musculoskeletal disorders are among the most common to afflict mankind necessitates our doing a more astute

job both clinically and experimentally. I encourage all of you who have supported the journal in the past to continue, and to take an interest in contributing to the journal and participating in its forum. I also hope you would encourage your colleagues who endeavor in the field of musculoskeletal rehabilitation to consider *The Journal of Back and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation* as a viable option for their work. Dr. Rucker will continue on the board as my close advisor and mentor, and it is hoped that we can continue to bloom and grow in this fertile field into the new millennium.

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