



Topics in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation

A Message from Editor-in-Chief

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As the new Editor-in-Chief of *Topics in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation (TSCIR)*, on behalf of the newly appointed editorial board, I welcome the opportunity to share our vision for the future of the journal. Our goal is to build *TSCIR* into an elite journal that is a primary outlet for new and original research in spinal cord injury (SCI). We are grateful to Lesley Hudson and Dr. David Apple, and the previous editorial board, for the outstanding foundation they have laid during the 16 years that *TSCIR* has been in existence.

As someone who has spent 40 years with SCI, more than half of which has been dedicated to clinical and research activities, I am honored to have the opportunity to be named Editor-in-Chief of this journal. I am acutely aware of the need for journals for original SCI research that have fair and systematic review, with a quick turnaround between submission and publication. The editorial board is also comprised of outstanding individuals from diverse clinical and research backgrounds, each of whom are committed to the field of SCI. Together with the publisher, we will work to realize our vision for *TSCIR*.

TSCIR will continue to have an interdisciplinary focus. We will work diligently to have a format that is flexible to the needs of both contributors and subscribers, while at the same time enhancing the overall scientific quality of the manuscripts. We will have a topical focus to each issue, although there will be a balance between invited topical articles and articles submitted directly from the field. We now have a fully electronic submission and review process that will facilitate a quick turnaround for contributors.

The topics covered within the journal will be varied and will strike at the core issues of SCI. These will include predominant issues such as secondary health conditions, functional recovery, rehabilitative interventions, psychosocial adaptation, participation, and employment. Invited topical articles and those submitted directly by investigators will undergo a similar and systematic review process. Because of the interdisciplinary and clinical foci, all pertinent research of clinical relevance during the lifelong rehabilitation process will be considered.

We will not be able to reach our goals without active participation from SCI professionals, particularly by submitting high-quality original research. We also will be calling on many professionals to review articles and to serve as topical editors. Working together, we will achieve our goals of publishing high-quality interdisciplinary research that will serve as a foundation for enhancing the health, quality of life, and longevity of those with SCI.

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