

A New Look for the Journal

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Welcome to 2015! Last year was, as most years are, filled with successes and failures, happiness and heartbreak. Yet it is a testament to humanity that we always face the future with a good deal of hope and only small amount of trepidation. For many it is always interesting to see how many things change and yet how few things change over the course of one year. The journal is a case in point. As of this volume, the journal will be entirely electronic. That for some will seem to be a no-brainer. After all, in the 21st century, most means of communication are to be found using electrons in one form or another. And so, it is not a surprise that we would be part of the great migration from paper to electronic format.

We will still be publishing four times a year until a larger number of manuscripts are available. Perhaps that could be your late New Year's resolution. What about that manuscript you really did want to finish? We will still be publishing cutting edge information about and from our discipline. In each of the sections, we will continue to provide quality manuscripts that increase and deepen the scope of our profession. Coverage of decisions and regulations from the federal government will also be continued. P.A.C.E-approved continuing educational series will be available in each issue.

What will change will be a greater use of appropriate color

and formatting. Our authors will be pleased with that upgrade. It has been frustrating to use black-and-white graphics while knowing the use of color would enhance the highlighting of sometime subtle but important items. While the late Max Wintrobe managed to perform morphological assessment while being color blind, most hematologists would prefer to see cells in color. Charts now will have the capacity to more clearly draw out differences in mathematical relationships. Without the stricture of the 64-page signature, authors will also be able to communicate their ideas and proofs in a less terse, less condensed fashion. No, that does not mean that the editors will lose their red pencils but we will have the freedom to add that last paragraph or additional table. Perhaps some day, we might even see a live action or animated graphic, although we doubt that this will happen in the near future.

We hope that, in addition to approving these changes, you will take the time to thank our authors who provide us with important information about our patients and our role in the healthcare system in a timely and systematic fashion so that we can make sure that you, the readers, keep coming back to us as your source of accurate, timely, and professionally relevant information.