
MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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It has been just over a year since I started my term as Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Respiratory Therapy (CJRT)*, which has continued to grow and evolve in 2022. The *CJRT* rose to 1.5 (from 0.7 in 2020 and 1.0 in 2019) in the 2021 CiteScore. CiteScore is a metric based on the number of citations to documents by a journal over four years and divided by the number of the same document types indexed in Scopus and published in those same four years. Our citations per document (and the number of citable documents published in general) have been rising steadily, and we enjoyed a 54% increase in citations in 2021. In addition, we are pleased to report that the *CJRT* moved from Q4 to Q2 in the latest citation reports (Health Professions). There are four quartiles: Q1 is occupied by the top 25% of journals in the list, Q2 includes journals in the 25% to 50% group, and so on.



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The *CJRT* was recently added to another indexing database, the Directory of Open Access Journals, which confirms our adherence to best practices in scholarly publishing. Our webpage has seen enormous growth in page views, with a 50% increase in 2022. Thank you to our Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT) readership for being engaged – our quarterly emails to members detailing all *CJRT* publications have a robust open and click-through rate. We have received submissions from 20 countries in 2022, with the highest percentage coming from Canada. This global participation rate illustrates the journal's expanding reach and speaks to the success of the outreach and relationships forged by the CSRT.

We have added several new members to our Editorial Board over the past 12 months, expanding our international reach, including members from Singapore, Saudi Arabia, and Portugal, in addition to our Canadian and American members. In terms of gender parity, our Editorial Board is composed of 46% women and 54% men. We have continued exploring new ways to communicate our publications and promote the strong science published in the *CJRT*. For example, we have created a template for authors to create a visual abstract that will be used to promote their articles on social media. So far, we have published five abstracts on social media that have been well-received.

Respiratory therapists (RTs) have a unique role and a powerful potential to conduct bedside research. Our journal exists to foster this

new knowledge in our field, and we are here to help and encourage this research. We created a Calls for Papers page if you are looking for ideas. The *CJRT* welcomes Letters to the Editor, Commentaries and Editorials as quick ways of sharing information with your fellow health care professionals. Check out our Innovations in Practice article format in the Author Guidelines – these are a great way of sharing process/protocol improvement, program evaluation, quality improvement and practice change in your department. Contact the Managing Editor at editor@csrt.com with any questions.

This past year has once again been a difficult time for RTs due to the ongoing pressures of COVID-19, workloads and burnout. In addition, the pandemic has continued to strain the resources available to conduct any research that is not related to COVID-19. Nevertheless, we hope that some of the open access research in our pages over the last two years has helped practitioners navigate the current patient care landscape and provided knowledge to continue to give the high-quality care attributed to Canadian RT practice. Despite these challenges, our submissions and engagement have continued to grow, which further speaks to the commitment of our community.

All of us at the *CJRT* would like to express our utmost gratitude to our peer reviewers and editors, who have ensured the high quality of our publications despite increased submissions and significantly increased workloads in their clinical roles. The work of the journal would be impossible without our dedicated editorial board, associate editors, and peer reviewers. The *CJRT* is always recruiting interested volunteers to participate in the peer review process. Visit our Peer Review page to learn more. In 2021 we were pleased to announce our winners of Top Paper and Top Peer Reviewer, and the board is currently reviewing submissions from 2022 to determine our next winners. Visit our Awards page to see past winners.

Thank you for your contribution to a strong year at the *CJRT*. We are stronger together and look forward to the challenges and victories that 2023 will bring.

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