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EDITORIAL: REFLECTING ON THE PAST YEAR

The new editors of *Clinical Thyroidology* have now completed our first year. So it is a good time to reflect on what we have written. We have summarized with our analysis and commentary 102 articles published in the past year or in ePub online. The articles we have written cover the broad field of thyroidology, which includes thyroid cancer, hyperthyroidism and hypothyroidism (including the subclinical variants), thyroid dysfunction in pregnancy, orbitopathy, goiter, thyroid nodular disease, cytopathology, imaging, and metabolism. We strived to pick papers that are on the cutting edge of clinical thyroidology and are relevant to clinical practice. We avoided summarizing new translational research unless it was ready for incorporation into clinical practice. Nearly half of the articles have been in the area of thyroid cancer, reflecting the growing literature on this topic. At the ATA meeting in Indian Wells, California, Dr. Ashok Shaha joked that one new paper on thyroid cancer is published every 8 hours, but this may not be an exaggeration. There is still controversy about whether the epidemic of thyroid cancer is mainly due to ascertainment using our excellent tools for detecting it or whether there is a real and substantial increase in the incidence of thyroid cancer. I suspect that the increase is attributable to exposure to unrecognized environmental carcinogens, but there are few new papers on this topic.

We have succeeded in posting each issue near the middle of the month. To accomplish this, we have the able assistance of Debbie Stone, our copy reader and literary stylist, Karen Durland, who puts the articles together into the issue, and Jane Arrington, our web manager. We hope that we have succeeded in making it easy for readers to access the articles whose titles pique their interest. Please note that *Clinical Thyroidology* is easy to search. When you open up the ATA website (www.thyroid.org), **Clinical Thyroidology ONLINE** appears in the lower right corner. When you open this, there is a "SEARCH CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY" window in which you can type a topic or author to search for the article you want to review. We aim to be user-friendly.

We are very interested in feedback from readers about what we have written. Please e-mail us at clinicalthyroidology@thyroid.org. We also welcome your comments on the various clinical guidelines of the ATA. Bryan Haugen, Chair, ATA Thyroid Nodules and DTC Guidelines Task Force is requesting your opinion about previous guidelines and new issues for a third revision of the guidelines on thyroid nodules and cancer in a short questionnaire attached to this issue of *Clinical Thyroidology*.

I am especially grateful to my Associate Editors, who have been innovative, scholarly, critical, and dedicated in our joint efforts to bring you the best in the current thyroid literature in a format that is easy to read and digest.

— Jerome M. Hershman