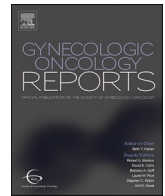




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Editorial

Beginnings are always full of excitement and promise and starting my tenure as the first solo Editor-in-Chief at *Gynecologic Oncology Reports* is no different. First, I would be remiss in not immediately recognizing Dr. Beth Karlan for her incredible vision and instrumental role in founding this journal for our society and specialty. We owe her a huge thanks on behalf of all gynecologic oncology patients and clinicians for establishing this resource. Second, I would like to welcome and introduce the 2022 editorial team who will be working to build and to expand *Gynecologic Oncology Reports'* scope and vision as a journal. Lastly, I would like to lay out our goals and visions for the coming year and stress that the entire leadership team wants to hear from our constituency (despite the fact that our team was not actually elected...) about the issues most important to you and any features you want to see added or augmented.

Our editorial team is amazing and exemplifies the depth and breadth of our specialty. The *Gynecologic Oncology Reports* Deputy Editors (Dr. Jamie Bakkum-Gamez, Dr. Katherine Fuh, Dr. Michael Straughn) will work closely with myself as Editor-in-Chief of *Gynecologic Oncology Reports* and Deputy editor of *Gynecologic Oncology* and Dr. David Cohn as the Editor-in-Chief of *Gynecologic Oncology* and Deputy Editor of *Gynecologic Oncology Reports*. While the two journals are now under separate editorial leadership, the missions remain closely intertwined and complementary. Dr. Bakkum-Gamez is a professor and the Mayo Clinic's Cancer Center Women's Cancer Co-lead and serves on the NCCN ovarian cancer guidelines panel. Dr. Katherine Fuh is an associate professor and the director of Basic and Translational Research in Gynecologic Oncology at Washington University in St. Louis, and serves also as the NRG Uterine Corpus translational research chair. Finally, Dr. J. Michael Straughn is a professor, the OB/GYN Vice Chair of Quality and Patient Safety and the Associate Chief Medical and Quality officer for Women and Infants services at the University of Alabama at Birmingham as well being a long time gynecologic oncology fellowship director. Ms. Ande Nichols joins us as the journal's publisher from Elsevier and our 2022 editorial board members can be found online and, for the first time, our journal solicited nominations and self-nominations from the entire SGO membership for both the Deputy editor and editorial board positions.

Gynecologic Oncology Reports will seek to build upon the current foundation to focus on two main goals over the next year: (1) publishing and publicizing timely and clinically relevant research to clinicians providing care to gynecologic oncology patients and (2) establishing itself as a resource for students, residents, fellows and faculty to foster and bolster their skills as reviewers and writers in the field. To those ends, *Gynecologic Oncology Reports* will continue to publish case reports, case series, reviews and original manuscripts that often introduce novel or hypothesis generating concepts that can be utilized in either the

clinical management or further understanding of gynecologic malignancies. Additionally, we will continue to seek out timely reviews on seminal topics, health care utilization, health disparities, and evolving clinical paradigms that serve to innovate or foster improved clinical care or clinician well-being. For example, in partnership with the SGO's education committee, we will be publishing distillations of the Journal clubs that will be a concise summary and includes links to the entire program recording. Lastly, many in our society start their medical writing careers with case reports or retrospective reviews and, in doing so, learn the process of hypothesis generation, critical literature reviews/synthesis, and scientific writing. We will be introducing several initiatives to help those interested in improving their skills in this regard. First, anyone interested in volunteering as a reviewer for *Gynecologic Oncology Reports* may sign up at this link and could be offered the opportunity to review manuscripts as an additional reviewer, receive constructive coaching on their reviews, and benefit from access to manuscript reviews of experienced editorial board members for immediate feedback. Guest reviewers will also be considered automatically for future openings on the editorial board based on the quality of their reviews. Second, towards the end of 2022, we will also be introducing a competitive *Gynecologic Oncology Reports* editorial fellowship position(s) that will be open to current Gynecologic Oncology Fellows for a mentorship opportunity with one of the editors to learn the publishing/reviewing process. *Gynecologic Oncology Reports* will also be sponsoring programs throughout the year designed to help participants gain understanding and knowledge about writing and publishing. Mark your calendar to attend the inaugural program entitled, "Ridiculously Good Writing: How to Write Like a Pro and Publish Like a Boss!" which will be held at the SGO annual meeting in Phoenix on Saturday, March 19, 2022 and sponsored by Elsevier, *Gynecologic Oncology Reports* and *Gynecologic Oncology*.

One of my family's cardinal tenets is "Always make *NEW* mistakes"... something I often stress to my daughters as well as my students, residents, fellows and colleagues; learning from one's own mistakes (and others' mistakes) is a way to constantly improve outcomes. Outside of being a past guest editor for a special edition of *Gynecologic Oncology* on Obesity and serving on multiple editorial boards, this is my first foray into a true editorial leadership role and I have no doubt that mistakes will be made. That being recognized, our entire team believes and is committed to providing the best journal possible for the coming years for the benefit of our members and our patients. My New Year's wish is that our world can continue to adapt and move past Covid, which has further exposed the pre-existing and inherent flaws and inequities in our healthcare systems, so that we can focus more exclusively on improving the lives of our patients, their families and their health care teams.

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Please never hesitate to reach out to me directly with feedback or ideas in the coming years at the journal inbox (gynor@elsevier.com) and I remain hopeful that we will have a healthy and happy 2022 for all of us.

Susan C. Modesitt, Editor-in-Chief