



## New Editorial Team of Circulation Journal

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Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the Circulation Journal, I would like to announce that I have been re-appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of the Circulation Journal for another 2 years, from July 2010 to June 2012, by Prof. Matsuzaki, the new president of the Japanese Circulation Society. Over the past 2 years, our editorial team has made every effort to improve the Journal's scientific impact and level of internationalization. To further facilitate our endeavors in these areas, I have expanded our Editorial team through the addition of new Associate Editors from both Japan and overseas, and new Japanese Editorial board members. I am also pleased to announce a new series, 'Controversies in Cardiovascular Medicine', and the publication of English versions of Guidelines developed by the Japanese Circulation Society, starting from next month's issue.

### 1. New Associate Editors

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to the readers our new Associate Editors from both Japan and overseas.

Name	Institute	Area of Expertise
<Japan>		
Kenji Hamaoka	Kyoto Prefectural University	Pediatric cardiology
Naoyuki Hasebe	Asahikawa Medical University	Hypertension
Jitsuo Higaki	Ehime University	Hypertension
Ken-ichi Hirata	Kobe University	Ischemic heart disease
Atsushi Hirayama	Nippon University	Coronary intervention
Kimihiro Komori	Nagoya University	Vascular surgery
Minoru Ono	Tokyo University	Cardiovascular surgery
Keijiro Saku	Fukuoka University	Lipid disorders
Yasuchika Takeishi	Fukushima Prefectural University	Molecular cardiology
Hitoshi Yokoyama	Fukushima Prefectural University	Cardiovascular surgery
Takeshi Morimoto	Kyoto University	Medical statistics
<International>		
Angelo Auricchio	University of Magdeburg (Switzerland)	Heart failure (device therapy)
Timothy Feltes	The Ohio State University (USA)	Pediatric cardiology
Barry Greenberg	University of California at San Diego (USA)	Heart failure
Ciro Indolfi	Magna Graecia University (Italy)	Coronary intervention
Henry Krum	Monash University (Australia)	Clinical trials
Ivan MacMurtry	University of South Alabama (USA)	Pulmonary hypertension
Frank Sellke	Brown Alpert Medical School (USA)	Cardiovascular surgery
Cheuk-Man Yu	Chinese University of Hong Kong (China)	Echocardiography

Furthermore, 23 new Japanese Editorial board members have joined our Editorial team. The full list of members of our Editorial team can be found on the inside front page.

## 2. New Series: 'Controversies in Cardiovascular Medicine'

This new series, commencing in next month's issue, will cover important topics related to ongoing controversies in cardiovascular medicine. In each issue of this new series, 2 experts will each express their own opinion on the topic, in addition to comments on their colleague's opinion. The topics that will be discussed in the first issues will be as follows:

- (1) LDL-cholesterol: The lower, the better; Is it true for Asians?
- (2) Is catheter ablation established as a treatment option of atrial fibrillation?
- (3) Should drug-eluting stents be indicated for patients with acute coronary syndrome?
- (4) Do patients with drug-induced Brugada type ECG have poor prognosis?
- (5) Therapeutic strategies for 3-vessel coronary artery disease – OPCAB vs PCI –
- (6) Indication of PCI for angiographically significant coronary artery stenosis without objective evidence of myocardial ischemia
- (7) Is assessment of mechanical dyssynchrony necessary in determining CRT indication?

## 3. Publication of Guidelines Developed by the Japanese Circulation Society

I believe that one of the important tasks for the Circulation Journal is to publish Guidelines developed by the Japanese Circulation Society. We will first publish 4 sets of English versions of Society Guidelines, starting in the next issue. The Guidelines that we plan to publish this year are as follows:

- (1) Guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of patients with vasospastic angina (coronary spastic angina)
- (2) Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of cardiovascular sequelae of Kawasaki disease
- (3) Guidelines for pharmacotherapy of atrial fibrillation
- (4) Guidelines for radiation safety in interventional cardiology

Our new Editorial team will make every effort to further improve the scientific impact and level of internationalization of the Journal.

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