New Year, New Look!

By the time you read this, you have probably gained a few pounds from eating holiday treats, spent too much money on gifts and entertainment, failed to adhere to your exercise program, and are generally feeling critical of yourself. Or is that just me? Anyway, it’s time for the annual effort to make new resolutions with a focus on self-improvement. Go for it!

At JNCCN, we got a head start on improving our image months ago. In an effort to make the journal more pleasing and interesting to read, we’ve redesigned the journal’s look; we hope you’ll enjoy the changes. Among other things, we have reorganized the table of contents, streamlined some pages, and changed some of the color blocks. But for me, the biggest and most important change is the addition of cover art.

Since the journal’s inception, the cover of each issue of JNCCN has featured photos of an NCCN Member Institution and some of their leadership. At recent NCCN committee meetings, we heard from a number of people, including the NCCN Guidelines Panel Chairs, that this didn’t do much for them. One even said that he thought it somehow minimized the importance of the journal. We took those comments to heart and began to think about what we might do instead.

One of my favorite periodicals is The New Yorker, and I am always intrigued by the cover art. Sometimes it’s just fun to look at, but often there is a powerful message within the image. So I suggested we think about an artistic reference to the guideline we feature in each issue. Our publishing team at Harborside identified a talented artist, Stephanie Dalton Cowan, who has the ability to transform a technical topic into a fascinating image that will make you stop and think.

In this issue, we are publishing the updated NCCN Guidelines for Cervical Cancer, and I believe Stephanie took a tasteful approach to depict this topic. We are thrilled to share this with you. And stay tuned. There will be a new image on each new issue.

In closing, I send you all my best wishes for a Happy (and rewarding) New Year. This will be a good one; I just know it!

WHAT DO YOU THINK? To submit a Letter to the Editor, go to JNCCN@nccn.org or log into www.editorialmanager.com/JNCCN.

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