There is no doubt that our profession has developed a true research culture in Canada. This is clearly evident by both the quantity and quality of research being undertaken by our university based researchers and published in our scholarly scientific literature. Many organizations rely heavily on our scholarly literature to make decisions not only about the health of Canadians but also the Canadian health care system.

Helping the JCCA to set the standards of acceptable scientific publication that meet or exceed the world biomedical standards are the individuals set out on the following pages and to whom both I and the profession owe a substantial and significant debt of gratitude. I simply want to acknowledge these dedicated individuals and thank them for their tremendous commitment to our research literature which over the years has positioned us in a very favourable light.

The JCCA, you will see, relies on academics, researchers, clinicians, and administrators and is transdisciplinary. There are epidemiologists, sociologists, psychologists, biostatisticians, orthopedic surgeons, physiatrists, chiropractors, radiologists, and historians. In addition, the JCCA also relies on many external reviewers who are content experts such as Dr. Ed Owens at Sherman College, Dr. Stu McGill at the University of Waterloo, Dr. Carlo Ammendolia and Dr. Mark Erwin at the University of Toronto and many others who lend their expertise to ensuring our literature withstands the scrutiny of the scientific community.

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Our literature is growing as our research capacity grows, and we bring a significant body of new knowledge to the health care system. Credible, reliable and defensible knowledge establishes the foundation of our profession and provides the basis to integrate our knowledge to the benefit of Canadians at large.

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