

# EDITORIAL

## Introducing *The Science of Diabetes Self-Management and Care*

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In 2021, the Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES) celebrated the renaming of *The Diabetes Educator (TDE)* to *The Science of Diabetes Self-Management and Care*. Such a change conveys essential features for the journal's usage within the practice and research community. For example, important features include identifying content that reflects the new vision of ADCES and the future of the specialty. Launching a new title reflects a commitment to science and evidence-based practice (EBP) that helps shape our future and the role we play in the larger diabetes care team. EBP allows diabetes care and education specialists to translate research findings into their clinical practice to improve diabetes-related outcomes. The new journal/title provides an opportunity to inform readers, authors, and researchers about the topics that advance the science of diabetes care, self-management education, technology, cardiometabolic health, and population health.

The introduction of *The Science of Diabetes Self-Management and Care* has likewise coincided with the journal moving to digital-only for members. Researchers are making the case that print is no longer a priority. The trend and preference for most researchers are to move to more digital content, especially when Search engines like PubMed are used for searching research articles. Also, the cost-saving benefits of digital-only publishing help ease the transition to making journals fully open access (OA) in many disciplines. Digital-only journals are highly searchable and drive online traffic, increasing journal content. Be on the lookout for an electronic table

of contents (eTOC) in *The Science of Diabetes Self-Management and Care* along with other electronic alerts that will generate awareness for content.

As a peer-reviewed journal and the official journal of the ADCES, *The Science of Diabetes Self-Management and Care* serves as a reference source for the science of self-management related to diabetes and comorbid conditions and the growing body of knowledge related to technology, population health, and public health. We will continue to encourage submissions that are consistent with the journal's scope from authors across all countries. Article categories include original research, meta-analysis/systematic and integrative reviews, position/consensus statements of ADCES, and invited supplement articles.

Refer to the Manuscript Submission Guidelines for further details regarding the various types of articles.

I look forward to collaborating and working with our Associate Editor and members of the Editorial Advisory Board of *The Science of Diabetes Self-Management and Care* to continue working on the long-established tradition of *TDE*. In so doing, we will provide informative, evidence-based research that supports diabetes care and education specialists to provide care on the best research evidence possible.

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