

Physical Therapy Journal Editor-In-Chief Alan Jette, PT, PhD, FAPTA, to Step Down



APTA's Board of Directors Has Selected a Search Committee to Begin the Search for a New Editor-In-Chief, Beginning March 2023

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Alexandria, VA — After more than seven years of dedicated service, Alan Jette, PT, PhD, FAPTA, will leave his position as editor-in-chief of PTJ: Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Journal, the official journal of the American Physical Therapy Association, at the end of 2023. APTA's Board of Directors has appointed a search committee, which is set to begin looking for Jette's replacement in March.

During Jette's tenure, PTJ saw significant growth in the number and quality of submissions. Shortly after he took the reins, the journal made two major leaps: the transition from being self-published to being co-published by Oxford University Press, one of the world's leading publishers; and the transition from a paper and electronic hybrid to an entirely digital journal. Under Jette's guidance, PTJ's impact factor has continued to improve while the journal expanded its international presence and social media engagement. As editor-in-chief, Jette also helped raise the profile of population health research within the profession.

"I know I can speak with confidence on behalf of all APTA leadership when I say we are very grateful to Alan for his incredible dedication and outstanding work to advance and grow PTJ," said APTA President Roger Herr, PT, MPA. "He is an inspiration, and we will miss his leadership at the helm of PTJ. I thank Alan for his many years of service and for leaving PTJ in a better place, positioned to continue advancing as he departs."

With a search committee now in place, the plan is to open the position to applicants in mid-March. Candidates will find information and be able to apply for consideration for the position on APTA's website at apta.org.

"It has been my distinct pleasure and honor to serve as editor-in-chief of PTJ and to work with an outstanding Editorial Board and staff within APTA. As I look back on my time as editor, I am very pleased by what the PTJ editorial team has accomplished," Jette said. "Our strategic priorities included attracting the very best science to PTJ, attracting a broader range of articles relevant to rehabilitation, and becoming a leading innovator in scientific publishing. Our team has worked hard to make PTJ the preeminent international journal in physical therapy and rehabilitation by promoting the latest research and scholarly exchange of views to guide clinical practice, rehabilitation research, education, and policy. I am particularly pleased and proud of how, since early 2020, PTJ has published an impressive body of research papers, case reports, and point-of-view articles related to COVID-19 to help rehabilitation professionals on the front lines of the pandemic."

Jette will stay on through to the end of 2023 to assist in the transition to new editorial leadership.

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