Dear Readers,

Beginning with the January 2016 issue, *Cancer Control: Journal of the Moffitt Cancer Center* will be published in digital format only. With the launch of our new and improved website, readers will still be able to download and print the articles they wish to keep by visiting us at cancercontroljournal.org (formerly MOFFITT.org/ccj). The new URL links to our existing webpage under MOFFITT.org and will redirect readers to the new website as soon as it is available. Reprint requests will continue to be handled by the editorial office and will be reviewed and responded to on an individual basis.

The decision to abandon the paper edition was based on considerations of cost effectiveness paramount for all fields of health care today. As the price of paper continues to rise and more and more people utilize electronic devices to read books, newspapers, and magazines, the increasing costs of printing no longer appear justified. Limited resources may be better utilized in maintaining and improving the quality and timeliness of our publication. For those of us who grew up in the pre-electronic era, who were used to waiting with anticipation for the new issue of our favorite medical journal in the mail, this change is a little disconcerting, as is the experience of seeing a daughter, now an adult, leave home and start her new family. It is disconcerting but necessary: as much as we regretted retiring our cherished stethoscope, we conceded that an echocardiogram was a more precise way to detect valvular disease or myocardial dysfunction than the human ear.

Indeed, we plan to utilize the resources of the journal to fulfill our ongoing commitment to quality and practicality. Since its inception more than 20 years ago, *Cancer Control* promised to provide practicing oncologists with exhaustive and user-friendly reviews of important issues that could not be otherwise found in the literature. John Horton, MB, ChB, the founding editor and the quintessential clinical teacher, received universal praise for the impact *Cancer Control* had on the practice of oncology in the country and around the world. John C. Ruckdeschel, MD, the first chief executive officer of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute and cofounder of *Cancer Control*, gave unlimited support to the educational mission of Moffitt and considered the journal to be the most effective means to fulfill this mission.

The scope of oncology is rapidly enlarging and diversifying, and the practitioner is exposed to a barrage of new information that is both incomplete and contradictory. The main challenge of oncology education is to harness the energy of this scientific upsurge into a coherent discourse that highlights scientific advances together with new clinical questions. Fully committed to guide the practitioner to a safe exit from this informational maze, *Cancer Control* will devote the next issues to novel and timely topics. These include minimally invasive surgery, prospective radiosurgery and interventional radiology, imaging techniques based on biological markers, the use of genomic testing, the interpretation of results from clinical trials of targeted therapy, the use of mathematical models to predict tumor progression, overviews of tumor immunology and signal transduction, and the new scope of palliative care. Since establishing *Cancer Control*, Moffitt has grown to be the third largest comprehensive cancer center in the country. Basic, translational, and clinical investigators working at Moffitt illustrate the array of treatments and clinical trials available at our institution for the patients of Florida, the United States, and the world.

A digital publication will allow us to focus unimpeded on the exciting and continual progress of cancer care. We would like to think that the adoption of a digital format represents a new step, rather than a new era, in the life of our journal — a step congruent with technological and scientific changes that will permit us to fulfill our mission in a rapidly changing world.

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