

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Picard Named Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography***

Morrisville, NC, August 8, 2017 – Michael H. Picard, MD, FACC, FASE, will become the third Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography* (JASE) on January 1, 2018. He replaces Alan S. Pearlman, MD, FASE, who has served as the editor for 10 years. JASE is the official journal of the American Society of Echocardiography, published by Elsevier, with a 2016 Impact Factor of 6.852. It is a peer-reviewed journal containing original in state-of-the-art review articles that cover conventional clinical applications of cardiovascular ultrasound, as well as newer techniques with emerging clinical applications.



Dr. Picard is a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. After more than 20 years as Director of Echocardiography at the Massachusetts General Hospital he has recently stepped down from this position in order to take on the JASE editorship. He has been a clinical investigator for over 30 years primarily concentrating on testing hypotheses related to coronary artery disease and cardiovascular imaging. He received his BS in biology from Tufts University and his MD from Stanford University. Dr. Picard has written more than 270 peer reviewed manuscripts, 45 reviews and textbook chapters, and has edited three textbooks.

When asked his vision for the future of JASE, Dr. Picard said, "Echocardiography continues to evolve as we see new enhancements to our imaging modality. It is critical that the Journal not just publish studies that describe use of these techniques but also lead the way in critically evaluating their validity and proper place in clinical care and research. My goal as incoming editor is that JASE will continue to play a strong role in educating our Society's membership, as well as all readers, in the latest developments in the field of cardiac imaging with a particular emphasis on how the science can be translated to clinical applications and how clinical observations can motivate the science. This is particularly important as we critically examine the proper clinical and research roles for newer aspects of our technology such as hand held echo, strain imaging, 3D echo, high frequency imaging and new display methods such as holography, virtual reality, and 3D printing." He continued by saying, "I plan to expand the Journal's monthly issue reach by using social media to communicate highlights from each issue and developing a short podcast with monthly interviews with authors. I hope these types of initiatives will keep our readership engaged and also keep JASE in the forefront as an important resource for those too busy to read each issue in detail."

As the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging, the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) is the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines. Comprised of over 17,000 physicians, sonographers, nurses, and scientists, ASE is a strong voice providing guidance, expertise, and education to its members. The Society has a commitment to improving the practice of ultrasound and imaging of the heart and cardiovascular system for better patient outcomes. For more information about ASE, visit ASEcho.org. For more information about JASE, visit OnlineJASE.com.

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