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## **Pellikka Named Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography***

Durham, NC, May 20, 2022 – Patricia A. Pellikka, MD, FACC, FAHA, FASE, will become the fourth Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of the *Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography* (JASE) on January 1, 2023. She takes the reins from Michael H. Picard, MD, FACC, FASE, who will have served as the EIC for five years. JASE is the flagship journal of the American Society of Echocardiography, published by Elsevier, with a 2020 Impact Factor of 5.251. It is a peer-reviewed journal containing original research, practice guidelines, state-of-the-art review articles, and brief research communications on cardiovascular ultrasound, including new techniques with emerging clinical applications.



Dr. Pellikka is the Betty Knight Scripps Professor of Cardiovascular Disease Clinical Research at Mayo Clinic and Professor of Medicine at Mayo Medical School. She is the director of Mayo Clinic's Ultrasound Research Center, and the immediate past director of the Echocardiography Laboratory and chair of the Division of Cardiovascular Ultrasound. She has recently served as Vice Chair, Department of Cardiovascular Medicine.

Dr. Pellikka has published more than 500 peer-reviewed manuscripts and has served on the editorial boards of major cardiology journals, as associate editor of the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* (JACC), and as a member of the External Advisory Council to the National Space Biomedical Research Institute. Thirty years ago, Dr. Pellikka established stress echocardiography at Mayo Clinic. Her research continues to focus on the application of echocardiography and stress testing to accurately detect cardiovascular disease and improve outcomes for patients with valvular heart disease, ischemic heart disease, and heart failure. She has mentored many echocardiographers and clinician scientists across the globe and is the recipient of Mayo Clinic Department of Medicine's Outstanding Mentorship Award. Dr. Pellikka graduated summa cum laude from Gustavus Adolphus College with majors in chemistry and biology, and she obtained her MD degree from Mayo Medical School.

Dr. Pellikka noted, "With recent advances in ultrasound technology, including 4D, strain, miniaturization, perfusion, and artificial intelligence, we are well-poised to further transform patient care. JASE is the essential resource for all users of cardiovascular ultrasound. The journal will continue to highlight both conventional and novel clinical applications of cardiovascular ultrasound, as well as echocardiography's key role in detecting and characterizing cardiovascular disease and predicting and improving outcomes." She added, "I look forward to working with our team to expand the breadth and reach of our content worldwide, to engage readers, and through our podcasts, listeners, and continue to drive attention to our publications and guidelines. I am extremely excited to join JASE as Editor-in-Chief."

Robin Wiegerink, MNPL, CEO of ASE, noted that Dr. Pellikka has admirably served in many roles for ASE, as president of the ASE from 2012-2013 and recently served as Chair of the Society's Industry Relations

Committee. “We are extremely pleased at the growth of JASE under Dr. Picard's leadership, and believe Dr. Pellikka is the right person to continue to build its impact. We are also proud to feature a woman as Editor at the helm of such a prestigious journal.”

#### **About ASE**

The American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) is the Society for Cardiovascular Ultrasound Professionals™. Founded in 1975, ASE is the largest global organization representing cardiovascular ultrasound imaging. ASE is the leader and advocate for physicians, sonographers, scientists, veterinarians, students, and all those with an interest in echocardiography, setting practice standards and guidelines for the field. The Society is committed to advancing cardiovascular ultrasound to improve lives. For more information about ASE, visit: [ASEcho.org](http://ASEcho.org) and follow us [@ASE360](https://twitter.com/ASE360).

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