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Rolling Along

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“How did you get to be here?”

This refrain from *Merrily We Roll Along*, one of my favorite Stephen Sondheim musicals, has been on my mind lately, as I step into the role of editor-in-chief of *Applied Radiology*. In the show, the story unfolds in reverse—starting in the present and tracing back through the experiences and relationships that shaped the main character’s life and career. As I begin this new chapter, I find myself looking back with deep gratitude for the opportunities, mentors, and colleagues who have prepared me for this next role. My experiences—including serving on editorial boards, participating in peer review and grant review panels, founding a medical ethics journal during medical school, and reporting for my college newspaper—were all part of the road that led me here.

Looking back is as important as looking forward, both for individuals and for organizations. The field of radiology stands at the brink of unprecedented change, thanks to new technologies and the promise of artificial intelligence. As we look ahead with anticipation, we must remain guided by the principles that have always defined our path. Radiologists began as the “doctor’s doctor,” providing our colleagues with essential insights to guide patient care. In recent years, we have expanded our role to be more patient-centered, empowering patients to partner in their care. Today, as we enter the digital age, it is imperative that we remain connected to our human mission to be colleagues and caretakers.

Likewise, medical journalism is entering a brave new world. Today, journals like this one are electronic, on-demand, and competing with countless other sources of information. My challenge, as a new editor, will be to embrace these changes while preserving what has made this journal indispensable for more than 50 years: delivering timely, clinically relevant, evidence-based information that guides radiologists and supports quality care.

This is a season of change—for me personally, for our specialty, and for medical journalism. I am honored and thankful for the trust placed in me by Anderson Publishing to steward this journal into the future. I am also sincerely grateful for the leadership of my predecessor, Dr. Erin Simon Schwartz, who has led with vision and whose impact on this journal has been profound and transformative. My hope is to lead in a way that welcomes the road ahead without losing sight of the path that brought us here. As one song in *Merrily We Roll Along* reminds us: “Every road has a turning. That’s the way we keep learning.”

And so, the road turns. Let’s roll along, together.