

## EDITORS' NOTE

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### ABSTRACT

The Spring 2016 issue of the International Journal of Telerehabilitation (IJT) presents original and innovative work in three diverse sections: usability, intervention, and pedagogy, followed by a book review on teleaudiology. The contributors to this issue are notably multi-disciplinary and include an audiologist, computer scientists, engineers, an epidemiologist, occupational therapists, a rehabilitation counselor, a physician (physical medicine and rehabilitation), and speech-language pathologists. The common thread linking the Journal's authors and their manuscripts, is excellence in telerehabilitation related innovation.

One of the hallmarks of the peer-reviewed International Journal of Telerehabilitation (IJT) is the wide variety in the topics of the work presented, all of which relate to innovations in telerehabilitation. The Journal's flexible format accommodates a variety of submission types: research studies, clinical reports, book reviews, country reports, and pedagogical notes. And, our authors and expert reviewers hail from multiple disciplines. It is especially gratifying that our contributors span the academic life cycle -- a mix of seasoned authors and new contributors. We are honored to serve as stewards of their work, and present it to our readers.

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