Editorial

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This special double journal issue is the last issue under my current tenure as Scientific Editor of the American Journal of Clinical Hypnosis. It contains contributions about a number of cutting edge topics.

First, there is a growing interest in the field of hypnosis and psychotherapy in general about the potential ways that EMDR can be incorporated into routine clinical practice. In the next section, James Kowal (who served as an additional consulting editor for this project), Cory Hammond and I introduce the contributions we have put together on this topic.

Next, Dr. Steven J. Lynn has contributed a letter to the editor proposing the use of informed consent when doing clinical hypnosis. Four commentaries on this proposal are then presented along with a rejoinder to them by Dr. Lynn. These commentaries are then followed by some final observations by the Editor. Obviously, the issue of informed consent is a provocative one which undoubtedly needs additional consideration.

Finally, Dr. Dabney Ewin has also contributed a letter to the Editor about what type of hypnotic suggestions best facilitate a positive response to pain control/reduction. Dr. Ewin’s comments about this topic are enlightening and hopefully will stimulate renewed theorizing and research on this important issue.

I want to thank my Editorial board and the Journal administrative staff for all the hard work they have done over the past year on behalf of the American Journal of Clinical Hypnosis. I am proud of the work we have done and look forward to seeing my friends and colleagues at our next annual meeting in Reno.