I am so pleased that the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) is affiliating with SLACK Incorporated to bring the Journal of Gerontological Nursing (JGN) to our nurse members.

As readers of JGN may know, the AGS is the leading professional membership organization representing all health professionals who care for older adults. Our membership includes nurses, pharmacists, physicians, social workers, therapists, and other members of the geriatrics health care team. Our mission to improve the health, independence, and quality of life of all older adults could not be accomplished without the interdisciplinary collaboration, education, research, and exchange of knowledge and skills that we strive for within our organization.

Given how important nurses are to improving care for older adults, the AGS has been working to increase the programs and products we offer that are specific to nurses’ education, training, research, and ongoing professional development. Earlier this year, we released the fourth edition of the Geriatrics Nursing Review Syllabus (GNRS; AGS, 2014a) in both print and Web-based editions. The new Web-based version of GNRS includes a self-assessment module that aids nurses in testing their geriatrics knowledge. We also released the GNRS PowerPoint™ series (AGS, 2014b), which offers nursing faculty a simple and convenient way to add geriatrics content to their courses and lectures.

This new affiliation with JGN is in alignment with the strategies the AGS has identified for accomplishing our mission, including:

- expanding the geriatrics knowledge base through initiatives that promote basic, clinical, and health services research regarding the health of older adults; and
- increasing the number of health care professionals employing the principles of geriatrics when caring for older adults.

We are particularly delighted to be introducing a new benefit for our nurse members that provides knowledge and information tailored to their professional practice, education, and research. We look forward to offering JGN readers content of interest via periodic featured columns. We anticipate that these columns will cover AGS public policy activities, as well as updates on our clinical and educational content targeted to nurses. This content will provide JGN’s readership with faster access to news about cutting edge practice guidelines, product updates for nurses, and policy work that AGS is engaged in that impacts the geriatrics nursing profession.

We look forward to working closely on identifying and developing relevant content with JGN Editor Donna M. Fick, PhD, RN, FGSA, FAAN, Distinguished Professor of Nursing, Professor of Medicine, and Co-director of the Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence at Penn State University.

We believe that JGN complements the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society.
JAGS), a benefit that we offer to all of our members, and a publication in which we have worked to increase content relevant to nurses. We are pleased to have Mary Palmer, PhD, RNC, as a JAGS Associate Editor, and Lois K. Evans, PhD, RN, as the JAGS Nursing Section Editor. In addition, the following nurses serve on the JAGS Editorial Board: Ruth A. Anderson, PhD, RN; Susan E. Hickman, PhD, RN; Ann Marie Kolanowski, PhD, RN; Courtney Lyder, ND, GNP; Gwen C. Uman, PhD, RN; and Jean F. Wyman, PhD, RN.

Parallel to entering into this affiliation with SLACK Incorporated, we are also joining with Elsevier to offer Geriatric Nursing (GN) as another member benefit. These new affiliations are key components of achieving our vision that every older American will receive safe, high-quality, person-centered care provided by a well-trained and collaborative interdisciplinary team. We look forward to your continued readership and membership in the AGS.

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