



JVIR Celebrates 25 Years of Innovation.

Part 1: 1989–1995

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For 25 years, the *Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology* (JVIR) has served as a leading global forum for the publication of innovative, impactful, and inquisitive medical science in the field of vascular and interventional radiology. As the official journal of the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR), JVIR experienced solid growth and recognition, which have paralleled and showcased the growth and recognition of the Society as well as of the specialty.

It has been a remarkable 25 years. Dr. Haskal and I, at JVIR, invite you and all who have contributed to, or enjoyed the success of, the journal during the past quarter century to join us in celebrating JVIR's Silver Jubilee Anniversary with this five-part series. (The full content of the exhibit is available online at www.jvir.org.) The series is based on the JVIR Timeline (Fig 1) displayed at the SIR Annual Meeting in Atlanta, with each part spotlighting a term of the five editors-in-chief. This division serves the purpose of providing a glimpse into the creation and triumph of JVIR while highlighting milestones, landmarks, and leaders whose vision, dedication, and passion for our specialty made the journal an enduring reflection of a uniquely innovative specialty.

YEARS 1989–1990

The precursor to JVIR, the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA)–Society of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology (SCVIR) Special Series to *Radiology*, was published as three issues (March 1989, September 1989, and March 1990) under Stanley S. Siegelman, MD, the Editor of *Radiology*, and Gary J. Becker, MD, Editor of the RSNA-SCVIR Special Series (Fig 2). Its purpose was aptly stated by Barry T. Katzen, MD, then the president of SCVIR, who was instrumental in spearheading the quest for the Society's own interventional journal: "The publication of the RSNA-

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SCVIR special series is an important step in fulfilling the Society's goals. Gary Becker, MD, our editor, and Stanley Siegelman, MD, the editor of *Radiology*, have received tremendous support from the membership of the SCVIR to create this Special Series" (1).

On a personal note, this particular era in interventional radiology was a time of escalating interventional "turf battles." My colleagues and I from the University of Iowa performed a survey of active United States members of the American College of Radiology regarding the incursions of other specialties into the perceived province of interventional radiologists. The survey results were presented to an overflow audience at the 74th Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting of RSNA. When informed that the resulting manuscript was to be published in a Special Series in *Radiology* (2), I readily admit to feeling more than a little disappointed. The survey and manuscript had taken a great deal of work while escalating our own such battles. Our apparent academic reward was publication in what I deemed was a soon-to-be-forgotten supplemental series. Of course, disappointment has been supplanted by the tremendous pride of being involved, albeit to a small degree, in that first special issue. Interestingly, when Dr. Becker recalled some of his proudest accomplishments regarding JVIR, one of those was the RSNA-SCVIR Special Series, particularly the September 1989 issue, which commemorated the 25th anniversary of transluminal angioplasty.

GARY J. BECKER, MD, FSIR—FOUNDING EDITOR, NOVEMBER 1990 TO MAY 1995

Following the success of the special series, the first issue of JVIR (volume 1, number 1) was published in November 1990 (Fig 3). In that issue, the first editorial contained only a few journal-related introductory words:

Finally, we come to our new Journal, JVIR. The issue in your hands marks the beginning of a new chapter in the history of VIR. It is a chapter we shall all author by our actions in the next few years (3).

Angioplasty was the theme of the first issue, and the lead article was "Guidelines for Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty," the first of many to be authored by the Standards of Practice Committee of SCVIR (4).



Figure 1. JVIR Timeline exhibit, Annual Scientific Meeting, Atlanta, 2015.

The first 5 years of *JVIR* saw much of the innovation, and thus publications, centered on arterial revascularization, including catheter-directed thrombolysis and angioplasty with stent placement. Urokinase (then Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, Illinois; now Microbix Biosystems, Inc., Ontario, Canada) became the thrombolytic agent of choice for most, and the Wallstent (then Schneider, Minneapolis, Minnesota; now Boston Scientific, Natick, Massachusetts) received Food and Drug Administration approval in May 1991, followed shortly thereafter by the Palmaz–Schatz stent (Cordis, Miami Lakes, Florida) in September 1991. Certainly, interventional radiology was growing while broadening its scope, as exemplified in *JVIR* publications from 1991 that included descriptions of kissing stents by Palmaz et al (5), radiologic insertion of Hickman catheters (6), and transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunts by LaBerge et al (7): a single year's portents of great things. Given the quality of its publications and review process, *JVIR* was accepted for inclusion in Index Medicus in February 1992, another accomplishment of which Dr. Becker made note.

Initially, the *JVIR* editorial offices were located in the editor's home city. Thus, the office was located in Miami from 1990 to 1995, where Dr. Becker had relocated from Indiana University in 1990. In August 1992, southeastern Florida experienced a category 5 hurricane named Andrew. At the time, the *JVIR* editorial office was housed in a temporary trailer outside the Baptist Hospital during the construction of the Miami Cardiac



Figure 2. Gary J. Becker, MD, Founding Editor of *JVIR*, November 1990 to May 1995.

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