

## CTS and the Canadian Respiratory Journal - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) – January 7, 2016

### What has happened to the Canadian Respiratory Journal?

The Canadian Respiratory Journal (CRJ) was sold by [Pulsus Group Inc.](#) to [Hindawi](#), effective December 31, 2015.

### Wasn't the Canadian Respiratory Journal owned by CTS?

While the CRJ was the official journal of the CTS, it was owned by [Pulsus Group Inc.](#), a publishing company based in Oakville ON. Along with the CRJ, Pulsus announced divestiture of 3 other medical journals on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015:

- *Canadian Journal of Gastroenterology & Hepatology*
- *Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology*
- *Pain Research & Management*

### Why didn't CTS buy the Journal?

The CTS was provided with an opportunity to purchase the Journal, however we did not have the financial capacity to entertain the purchase as a serious option.

### Who owns the copyright for articles published in the CRJ?

Authors signed the copyright over to Pulsus upon acceptance of their manuscript. The content of the Journal was therefore an asset wholly owned by Pulsus. CTS has had a special arrangement with Pulsus to post official CTS publications such as guidelines and position papers on our website but we do not own the copyright of the published articles.

### What happens to all of the previously published content?

Articles from the 2015 issues of the CRJ are already posted on the [Hindawi](#) site. The archives remain on the Pulsus site but it is only a matter of a few weeks before they will be transferred to Hindawi. All previously published content will become accessible on the Hindawi website, posted open access, under a Creative Commons Attribution License. Official publications of the CTS, such as guidelines and position statements, will continue to be accessible on the CTS' [Canadian Respiratory Guidelines](#) website.

### What about submitted manuscripts?

Authors have been contacted by our former Editor in Chief regarding the following:

1. Accepted and completed (edited) papers slated for publication or *In Press* - These papers will be posted open access, Creative Commons Attribution, by Hindawi.
2. Accepted but not yet edited - These papers will be edited and posted open access, Creative Commons Attribution, by Hindawi.
3. Papers in the peer-review system (out with reviewers or authors) - These papers will be transferred from our "in review" system to Hindawi's "in review" system.
4. Papers that have been submitted to CRJ but have not yet been sent out for review -The process for this will be handled by Hindawi.
5. Authors have the option to withdraw at any time until they sign over copyright.

**Why didn't you advise the membership about this change earlier?**

CTS was legally bound to maintain confidentiality regarding the sale and subsequent process related to terminating our publishing contract with Pulsus. We regret the disappointment and frustration that this may have caused our members and partners in the process.

**Was the Editorial Board involved in the process?**

Due to confidentiality requirements, CTS was unable to inform or involve members of the Editorial Board, or the Associate and Deputy Editors. They have since been advised of this development.

**What will happen to Pulsus?**

Pulsus Group will continue to publish other journals, both owned by Pulsus Group and/or published on behalf of various Canadian medical societies, including new journals currently under development.

**Will CTS start a new journal?**

CTS has engaged a publishing consultant to develop an RFP to secure a new publisher for our official society journal. We are pleased to announce that former CRJ Editor in Chief, Dr. Peter Paré, has agreed to help us with the process. The Canadian Critical Care Society and Canadian Sleep Society will be included in discussions with the CTS Executive and Dr. Paré on the development of the new journal. Our goal is to have a new journal in place in late spring 2016.

**Will the publishing model stay the same?**

We will maintain the editorial structure including an Editor in Chief, Associate Editors and Editorial Board in order to continue as a peer-reviewed medical journal. However, the new journal could be an online and open access journal. We hope to maintain a print component as a member benefit and to maintain advertising opportunities. The new journal will be owned by the CTS, including title and copyright.

**Will it be called the Canadian Respiratory Journal?**

The name Canadian Respiratory Journal was sold and now belongs to [Hindawi](#).

We will be establishing a new journal with a new name. We welcome your suggestions!

***You can propose a new name via this link to [our survey](#).***

**If I have other questions, who can I contact?**

Please email any further questions or comments to CTS Director, Janet Sutherland, at [jsutherland@lung.ca](mailto:jsutherland@lung.ca).