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## From the Editor

This issue addresses an important topic in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation — Functional Capacity Assessments. Yet, as you will see from the Introduction, it is not a clear cut concept, but rather one that has created some confusion in terms of who should perform assessments, what the design of such an assessment should look like, and when and how it should be performed.

Co-Guest Editors Renee Steele Rosomoff, RN, MBA and Elsayed Abdel-Moty, PhD, both from the Comprehensive Pain and Rehabilitation Center in Miami Beach, have put together a very informative and comprehensive issue on this topic in an attempt to address the use of Functional Capacity Assessments and the confusion and controversy surrounding their use.

I would also like to take this time to call on all readers of the *Journal of Back and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation*. In January, as subscribers, you should have received a letter and a survey inquiring about topics you would like to see covered in the Journal and any other suggestions you have to improve its quality. We have received some responses, however, we would like to hear from as many of you as possible.

If you did not receive a copy of this survey, or if this is the first time you are reading this Journal, we would like your input as well! Please take the time to complete the survey enclosed with this issue and mail it back to the Editorial Office address listed at the bottom of the survey.

In addition, as always, we welcome your manuscripts for publication including original research, case studies, program descriptions, and review articles. Please see the Call for Papers on Page 297 of this issue.

*Karen S. Rucker*