

**AAST Announces Selection of Editor-in-Chief
for the
Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery
Effective January 1, 2022**

AAST is pleased to announce Raul Coimbra, MD, PhD; Surgeon-in-Chief, Riverside University Health System Medical Center; Professor of Surgery, Loma Linda University School of Medicine; and Director, Comparative Effectiveness and Clinical Outcomes Research Center (CECORC), as the incoming Editor-in-Chief for the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery (JTACS)*. His appointment will begin on January 1, 2022.

Dr. Coimbra brings a wealth of clinical and basic science research experience to *JTACS*. He has authored over 550 peer-reviewed publications and eighty book chapters, and he has edited seventeen books. In addition to his research experience, Dr. Coimbra has a breadth of journal experience that includes one editorship, one associate editorship, participation on fifteen editorial boards (past and current), and he has provided reviews for over twenty scientific journals.

Dr. Coimbra received his MD degree in 1985, completed his residency in a combined general and vascular surgery program in 1990, and earned his master's degree in 1992 and his PhD in 1993 at the Santa Casa School of Medicine in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Dr. Coimbra then moved to the University of California, San Diego, where he worked for more than two decades, reaching the level of Professor of Surgery with Tenure. In 2018, Dr. Coimbra became the Surgeon-in-Chief at Riverside University Health System Medical Center and Professor of Surgery at Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Drs. Raul Coimbra and Ernest "Gene" Moore will work closely together for seven months to transition the leadership of *JTACS* to Dr. Coimbra.

As the Editor-in-Chief since 2011, Dr. Moore has been instrumental in furthering the mission of the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery*. His specific strategic vision was "To enhance the academic credibility of the discipline of trauma and acute care surgery." Among his many achievements, Dr. Moore notably:

- Secured the highest impact factor and number of citations in the journal's history
- Incorporated the Pediatric Trauma Society and the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Surgery of Trauma as affiliate societies
- Established the annual military supplement
- Reduced the turnaround time of the first decision to authors by a full five days and enabled preprint citation on PubMed
- Refined the journal's review process and instituted formal bio-statistical review with level of evidence
- Improved the pre-publication review process for meeting papers from affiliated societies
- Developed metrics used to select members for the Editorial Board
- Provided CME opportunities in each issue of *JTACS*
- Established a Social Media Editorial Team and increased the journal's altmetrics

- Published an issue highlighting firearm injury prevention, specifically the role of assault weapons
- Encouraged the development of a companion, open-access journal.
- Coordinated the migration of the editorial office and its personnel from being entirely on-site to fully virtual

AAST offers its sincere thanks and congratulations to Dr. Moore and his Associate Editors, Drs. Steven Shackford, Ronald Maier, and David Hoyt, on an incredible ten years. AAST warmly welcomes Dr. Coimbra as the incoming Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery*.