Editor’s Note

_Circulation Research_ Introduces Profiles in Cardiovascular Science

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In keeping with our efforts to add a human/personal dimension to the content of the journal, we are pleased to announce a new feature titled “Profiles in Cardiovascular Science.” Presented in an interview format, these articles will focus on the life, personality, and achievements of some of the most successful and influential cardiovascular scientists of our time—individuals who are veritable icons in cardiovascular science and serve as superb role models for young investigators. Unlike scientific manuscripts, these articles will be personal and reflective, featuring a blend of scientific, autobiographic, and intuitive content. Leading scientists will talk about their personal, as well as scientific lives, describing the circumstances, insights, and emotions surrounding their seminal discoveries. This new feature will allow them to reflect on the decisions, events, and personal attributes that contributed to their success.

The purpose of Profiles in Cardiovascular Science is to offer a new perspective on the process of scientific discovery and career development, one that is rarely found in scientific journals. These interviews will provide the readers with an intimate look at the lives of prominent investigators: how they embarked on their scientific journeys, how they made their major discoveries, the habits and beliefs that facilitated or hindered their work, and their motivations and personal challenges. Importantly (from the editors’ point of view), we will encourage them to offer advice to our young investigators who are beginning their research careers. We hope that through these interviews, the readers will appreciate how scientific breakthroughs actually happen and the personal qualities and behaviors that most contributed to these exceptional careers. This feature will be available in both print and electronic versions.

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