

## Michelle Kittleson Named Interim *JHLT* Editor in Chief as Daniel Goldstein Steps Down Due to Health

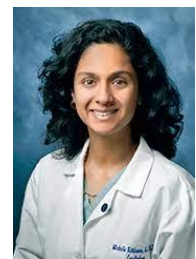
**Chicago, IL – 6 July, 2023** – Daniel R. Goldstein, MD will step down as Editor-in-Chief of *The Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation (JHLT)*, due to health reasons. He has served as *JHLT* EIC since 2021. The transition is effective 1 July 2023. *JHLT* is the official peer-reviewed journal of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation.



Daniel R. Goldstein MD

“For health reasons, I am compelled to step down as Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of this esteemed journal,” said Dr. Goldstein in his final *JHLT* editorial. The full editorial is available via the *JHLT* website: <https://www.jhltonline.org>.

**Michelle Kittleson, MD, PhD**, has been named *JHLT* Interim Editor-in-Chief and will serve a term of at least six months. A heart transplant cardiologist and clinical researcher, Dr. Kittleson had been serving as a Deputy Editor on the *JHLT* editorial board.



Michelle Kittleson, MD, PhD

Dr. Kittleson is Director of Education in Heart Failure and Transplantation in the Smidt Heart Institute at Cedars-Sinai and Professor of Medicine. She graduated from Harvard College and received her medical degree from Yale University. She completed internal medicine residency at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and cardiology fellowship at Johns Hopkins, and also received a PhD in Clinical Investigation from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Dr. Kittleson's essays have appeared in *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, and *JAMA Cardiology*, she is the author of “Mastering the Art of Patient Care,” (2023, Springer). Her Twitter tips on how to improve patient care, #kittlesonrules, have garnered more than 37,000 followers.

“I am delighted to hand over the reins of EIC to Dr. Michelle Kittleson who, as one of my Deputy Editors, has consistently made greatly insightful decisions about manuscripts,” Dr. Goldstein said. “I am confident of a fantastic and seamless transition.”

Under Dr. Goldstein’s leadership, *JHLT* maintained its number one ranking in transplantation journals by impact factor for the eighth year in a row. Dr. Goldstein is responsible for the development of the popular *JHLT: The Podcast*, as well as other innovations that enhanced the *Journal’s* content and rigorous review process. **The ISHLT Board of Directors approved a [Resolution in Recognition and Profound Appreciation of Distinguished Service](#) to honor Dr. Goldstein’s work and contributions to *JHLT*.**

“I am proud of the progress and innovation that has occurred during my tenure as EIC of *JHLT*,” Dr. Goldstein said. “I strove to make the peer review process transparent, fair, and consistently of a high standard. I encouraged submissions in all areas of interest to *JHLT* including the fields of heart and lung transplantation, pulmonary vascular disease, and mechanical circulatory support. With the

support of our highly talented editorial board, I strove to fairly evaluate impactful studies, whether experimental, translational, clinical, or health services research.”



The ISHLT Publications Oversight Committee will launch a search for a new permanent Editor-in-Chief in the coming months.

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