

PREFACE

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This is the first year that Frontiers: University of Kansas Clinical and Translational Science Institute has had the privilege of having an entire edition of the Kansas Journal of Medicine – a terrific academic, open-access publication – dedicated solely to Frontiers research. We are also excited to have this Frontiers-focused issue published to coincide with our annual Frontiers Research Day, which aims to highlight the translational research being done throughout the region and to facilitate interdisciplinary collaborations.

Every abstract, commentary and paper in this volume was facilitated by Frontiers and truly showcases the breadth of support the CTSI provides across the translational research spectrum. Contributors in this issue range from pre-doctoral TLI trainee scholars to administrative staff to senior investigators from not only the University of Kansas Medical Center, but also from the University of Kansas – Lawrence, the University of Kansas School of Medicine – Wichita, the University of Missouri – Kansas City and Children’s Mercy - Kansas City.

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