The impact factor of *Circulation* has reached 10.893, the highest ever in the publication’s history (Figure). According to figures from the Institute for Scientific Information, the factor puts *Circulation* above such prestigious publications as *The Lancet* (10.232) and *Proceedings of the National Academies of Science* (10.789) for the first time in its history.

For the editors, the Editor-in-Chief, James T. Willerson, MD, said, “*Circulation* wants to serve a worldwide group of scientists and physicians at war with cardiovascular disease, as well as the patients that they serve. Markers like that of the impact factor are encouraging and helpful to all who contribute to *Circulation*.”

A journal’s impact factor is based on 2 elements: the numerator, which is the number of citations in the current year to any items published in a journal in the previous 2 years, and the denominator, which is the number of substantive articles (source items) published in the same 2 years (*CMAJ*. 1999;161:979–980).

Dr Willerson said the Journal and the cardiovascular community had benefited from the Journal’s opportunity to be published weekly. The support of the American Heart Association and Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (the publisher) has also been crucial, he said.

Beginning in January, *Circulation* will publish all articles accepted by the journal online within 7 to 10 days of the time of acceptance. Printed publication will take place within 4 to 5 weeks. Those were among Dr Willerson’s top goals when he took on the editorship of the Journal.

![ISI Impact Factor Table](image)

The publication has also begun a patient and physician information page that alternates monthly. It is designed to give members of the public the information they need to be informed patients. The Physicians’ Page describes state-of-the-art treatment for a variety of heart diseases, and Dr Willerson hopes that by October, the pages will alternate every other week.

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