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Rapid Track for Review and Publication

The Editors of *Circulation* wish to remind readers of a special category of manuscripts we initiated nearly two years ago. Rapid Track for Publication is a category of manuscript submission designed for expedited review, and if accepted, expedited publication of manuscripts reporting the results of important clinical trials and major basic science discoveries. We are committed to providing an initial decision one week after the manuscript enters the review process. If the manuscript is accepted for publication, it will be published Online one week after galley proofs are returned to our publisher, and in the print journal within four to five weeks. We are pleased to offer this special opportunity for very rapid review and publication of the most important clinical and basic research work submitted to *Circulation*.

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for the Editors of *Circulation*

New Sections in *Circulation*

The first Section is entitled “Clinical Cardiology: Physician Update,” and was introduced in the May 29, 2001, issue. This Section will be clinically oriented and directed to the practicing physician. Articles will be contributed by experts recognized for their ability to describe in practical terms the implementation of therapeutic advances and the optimal use of new diagnostic modalities.

The second Section is entitled “The Cardiology Patient Page,” and was introduced in the June 26, 2001, issue. This Section will include articles on various topics in cardiovascular medicine that will be written in lay language by healthcare professionals and is designed to provide descriptions of critical concepts in cardiovascular diagnosis, testing methods, and therapeutics.

Dr Elliott Antman has been named as Section Editor for the new initiative. The new Sections are being launched first in the electronic version of *Circulation* to fulfill the goal of shortening the time between reporting of scientific advances and translation into patient care.

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Cardiovascular News

Images in Cardiovascular Medicine

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