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### **Canadian Cardiovascular Society and Elsevier Begin New Partnership with Issue of the *Canadian Journal of Cardiology***

*Issue includes CCS Atrial Fibrillation Guidelines*

**Philadelphia, February 16, 2011** – The January/February 2011 issue of the *Canadian Journal of Cardiology (CJC)*, the first in a new partnership between the Canadian Cardiovascular Society and Elsevier, has been published. This theme issue focusing on atrial fibrillation includes the long-awaited Canadian Cardiovascular Society Atrial Fibrillation Guidelines.

The CCS Atrial Fibrillation Guidelines are notable for the novel grading system that has been adopted by CCS. The guidelines address pathophysiology and investigation, emergency management, anti-arrhythmic drug therapy, stroke prevention, catheter ablation, prevention of postoperative atrial fibrillation, and surgical procedures to control arrhythmia. The selection of the atrial fibrillation theme reflects the intention of Editor-in-Chief Stanley Nattel, MD, to focus on important clinical problems, with particular emphasis on knowledge translation. “The term *translational research*,” says Dr. Nattel, “is generally used for the translation of original basic research to clinical application.” However, “the concept of knowledge translation is much broader ... including translation of clinical and population science to clinical application, translation of novel clinical insights and concerns into priorities in bench research, and translation of guidelines into clinical practice, as well as the classical bench-to-bedside meaning.”

First launched in 1985, the *Canadian Journal of Cardiology* began as a controlled circulation journal. The Journal has matured to become the official journal of the **Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS)** and is recognized as the voice of the specialty in Canada. The January/February 2011 issue represents the first in the new partnership between the CCS and Elsevier.

#### **About the *Canadian Journal of Cardiology***

The *Canadian Journal of Cardiology* ([www.onlinecjc.ca](http://www.onlinecjc.ca)) is the official journal of the [Canadian Cardiovascular Society](http://www.ccs.ca). It is a vehicle for the national and international dissemination of new knowledge in cardiology and cardiovascular science, particularly serving as a major venue for the results of Canadian cardiovascular research and Society guidelines. The Journal publishes original reports of clinical and basic research relevant to cardiovascular medicine as well as editorials, review articles, case reports, and papers on health outcomes, policy research, ethics, medical history, and political issues affecting practice.

### **About the Editor-in-Chief**

Editor-in-Chief Stanley Nattel, MD, FRSC, FRCPC, FACC, FHRS, holds the Paul-David Chair in Cardiovascular Electrophysiology and Professor of Medicine at the University of Montreal and Director of the Electrophysiology Research Program at the Montreal Heart Institute Research Center.

### **About the Canadian Cardiovascular Society**

The Canadian Cardiovascular Society is the professional association for Canadian cardiovascular physicians and scientists working to promote cardiovascular health and care through knowledge translation, professional development, and leadership in health policy. The CCS provides programs and services to its 1900+ members and others in the cardiovascular community, including guidelines for cardiovascular care, the annual Canadian Cardiovascular Congress, and, with the Canadian Cardiovascular Academy, programs for trainees. More information about the CCS and its activities can be found at [www.ccs.ca](http://www.ccs.ca).

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