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From the Editor's Desk

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We at JDI are looking forward to a productive and interesting new year as our economy continues to recover, technology continues to evolve, and Imaging Informatics continues to become more interesting and challenging with each passing day.

This issue begins with one of our favorite new features, Point/Counterpoint where two experts debate current issues. The debate in this issue is over which new phone has the most potential for innovation in Imaging Informatics, the iPhone or the Android. It's an interesting topic that makes me want to try one of each.

We have a full range of research articles, which as usual, focus on specific topics both clinical and technical. Our major theme this month is Lung and Thoracic Imaging with topics ranging from Image-based reporting for Bronchoscopy, to CAD processing, nodule and lung classification, nodule volumetry on ultralow-dose CT, and artifact

reduction for MDCT. Our minor theme is PACS with an interesting array of articles ranging from the monitoring of a PACS implementation process to using a fax-based system for incorporating nondigital paper-based data into DICOM imaging examinations. Articles cover the introduction of PACS to the late majority, accessibility of data backup on CD-R after 8–11 years, and comparing PACS workstations with Laser hard copies for scaphoid fractures in the emergency department.

TechBits is a new feature at the end of each issue, which will focus on useful or fun applications or devices found on the web or on shopping/browsing expeditions. The first installment is entitled "Google Rocks," highlighting some of the ways that Google can be customized in order to meet your productivity, creativity, or entertainment needs. I hope you will enjoy this and that you will send me ideas or volunteer to author a TechBits article for JDI.

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