Continuing JAC’s series of introductions to its editorial team, we are pleased to publish short biographies of four of our clinical editors:

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