

Interview with Jerry Sweet, Editor-in-Chief of *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*

My name is Jerry Sweet, I'm the Editor-in-Chief, for the last two years, of *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, which is known in my field of clinical neuropsychology as *TCN*. Prior to that I was the Co-Editor of *TCN* for eight years and for many years before that had other Editorial Board positions. In my non-Editorial job I work here at Northshore University Health System, which is in the suburbs of Chicago in Illinois in the US. I'm a Vice-Chair of the psychiatry and behavioural sciences department, Head of the Psychology division, Director of the neuropsychology service, and academically affiliated with the University of Chicago as a Clinical Professor in the Pritzker School of Medicine.

So *TCN* is the official journal of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, which is itself the membership organization for board-certified neuropsychologists in the United States. The vast majority of neuropsychologists have a primary identity that could be described as scientist-practitioner, which means that we generate lots of scientific and research data as a means of providing a basis for our clinical practices. That's the kind of research that ends up in *TCN*, which is really an outlet for clinical, applied research in neuropsychology, and also professional writing, primarily related to practice issues and professional issues like that would be related to board certification for example.

We also publish any official papers that come out of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, these are often position papers or conference programming and abstracts. We also do the same for the Division of Clinical Neuropsychology, which is Division 40 of the American Psychological Association, so that is we publish all of their position papers and conference programme materials as well.

The content of *TCN* is primarily adult-focused because we have a separate paediatric journal, but we also include paediatric material in *TCN*, especially as it may relate to case studies. We currently publish eight issues per year. In recent years we've had a record number of submissions every year, including a growing number of international submissions. We've enjoyed a rising Impact Factor. Our newest section is a case study section called Grand Rounds, which publishes not theoretical information like *Neurocase* would (a different journal) but more practical information about behavioural geography, either rare or unusual cases, or well-known diagnostic conditions that are well-typified in a particular case study that our readers would find instructive. We also publish book reviews.

At this point I think we have a very broad readership here in the States, and in North America, and a growing readership around the world. There are professional practice surveys in my field that actually ask the question 'What journals are you reading most often?' and *TCN* has for the last I think ten to fifteen or maybe even twenty years been in the top three for US and Canadian neuropsychologists in that regard.