

## Hypertension Editors Welcome Comments From Regional Hypertension Societies

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Approximately 1 week before the publication of the 2017 Hypertension Clinical Practice Guidelines,<sup>1</sup> Prof Marc Twagirumukiza, African Society of Hypertension Executive General Secretary, Prof Oh Min Sen Vernon, Asian Society of Hypertension President, Dr Joey P. Granger, American Heart Association Council on Hypertension Chair, Prof Konstantinos Tsioufis, European Society of Hypertension President, Dr Nadia Khan, Hypertension Canada President, Prof Neil Poulter, International Society of Hypertension President, Dr Eduardo Barbosa, Latin American Society of Hypertension President, and Dr Daniel T. Lackland, World Hypertension League President, received a letter just like the one shown here:

Dear Prof Marc Twagirumukiza:

Less than 2 years ago, Deputy Editor Rhian Touyz and I welcomed a global debate to be conducted in the pages of *Hypertension*, an American Heart Association journal, with our editorial entitled “Hypertension Guidelines: Is It Time to Reappraise Blood Pressure Thresholds and Targets?” Since that time, multiple guidelines have been revealed and soon, in little more than one week, the most recent hypertension guideline, 2017 Hypertension Clinical Practice Guidelines will be published in *Hypertension*. Considering scientific advances from the past 2 years and informed by the latest published guidelines, it is now time to continue the conversation we began in 2016. Therefore, we invite you to join the conversation by sharing the opinions of African Society of Hypertension clinicians,

practitioners, and guideline developers on the 2017 Hypertension Clinical Practice Guidelines.

The submission may take a number of different forms, such as an editorial commentary, a focused brief review, or a Letter to the Editor. Submissions may be made online now through 1 April 2017. Go to <http://hype-submit.aha-journals.org>, select the appropriate manuscript type (ie, editorial commentary) and include “Guidelines Conversation” in the title. All articles in *Hypertension*, including invited articles, are sent to expert referees for review and recommendations. Instructions for submission are available online, <http://hyper.ahajournals.org/content/author-instructions>. Questions may be addressed to Denise Kuo in the Hypertension editorial office ([hypertension@heart.org](mailto:hypertension@heart.org)).

Share the ideas and opinions of the African Society of Hypertension with the global hypertension community by participating in Hypertension’s Guidelines Conversation.

Sincerely,  
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We are delighted to confirm that the 2017 Hypertension Clinical Practice Guidelines are due to be published in our Journal on November 13, 2017. To welcome the Guidelines, we have prepared open letters to the Presidents of international and regional hypertension societies with an invitation to join a conversation about the guidelines and their applicability worldwide. *Hypertension* as the highest-ranking journal in blood pressure research would welcome comments on all aspects of the new guidelines from the invited societies but also from individuals. We are hopeful that all invited societies will join in the global conversation on the pages of *Hypertension*—an American Heart Association journal. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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