

To Our Regular Subscribers, and to Our Colleagues in Dermatology Throughout the United States

This issue of the *Cleveland Clinic Quarterly* is in two parts, combining special articles and features from the Department of Dermatology with our usual offerings and features. In addition to our regular subscribers, we are pleased to send this edition to all dermatologists in the United States.

Currently in its fifty-first year of publication, the *Cleveland Clinic Quarterly* is a refereed, indexed journal (*Index Medicus*, *Biological Abstracts*, *Chemical Abstracts*, *Current Contents*, *Nutritional Abstracts*, and *Excerpta Medica*), with a current circulation of 16,000. It is sent upon request, free of charge, to physicians and third- and fourth-year medical students. The journal is published by the medical staff of The Cleveland Clinic Educational Foundation but also includes articles written by alumni and other physicians and medical professionals. The format of the *Quarterly* is currently being expanded and its circulation increased.

This special dermatology section reflects the expertise and interests of members of the Department—clinical dermatology, clinically applied dermatological research, dermatological surgery and oncology, dermatopathology, and environmental dermatology. In addition to arti-

cles by the current staff and fellows, we have included submissions from alumni and other invited contributors. Of special interest is the section entitled, "Archives of the *Cleveland Clinic Quarterly*." We have reprinted some of the significant or landmark papers written by members of the Department of Dermatology from past issues of the *Quarterly*. These are accompanied by a Commentary and/or Commentary and Update on the historical and current aspects of these subjects. Obviously excluded are other major articles by Department members that have been published in the dermatology specialty journals.

Founded in 1923, the Department of Dermatology at the Cleveland Clinic has continued to grow in size and stature over the years. The Department has continued to follow the three principles of the founders of the Clinic: 1) better care of the sick, 2) investigation of their problems, and 3) further education of those who serve. We believe that this issue of the *Quarterly* reflects our continued adherence and dedication to these principles.

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