



Cyber-CME and the *Journal's* computer-literate readers

Congratulations to you, our readers, on your adaptability and computer literacy. I am pleased to report that, after 6 weeks of mandatory web-based testing (when this article went to press), it is clear that most of you never missed a beat and are continuing to take advantage of the *Journal's* free CME program. For the November issue, 1,039 readers, 1,022 of whom are physicians, took the test at www.ccjm.org, and we still have a month of eligibility for November's test remaining. This is outstanding performance, and it far exceeds our expectations.

Although we have received only a few complaints, the conversion process has not been without a few hitches. The need to enter all the demographic information each time you take the test has proven a difficult problem to solve, but we are working to resolve it. Our selection list of specialties does not include "internal medicine," a somewhat glaring omission considering the makeup of our readership, but this problem will disappear soon. A few of you have requested (usually in elegantly handwritten notes, belying the myth of physicians' poor penmanship) that we keep open the option of paper submission of the tests by mail. We are sorry that we are not going to be able to do that.

Nevertheless, we are pleased with the progress to date, and we hope you are as well. The benefits are that the program remains free, the certificate processing time is greatly reduced, and the record-keeping is automated, error-free, and less expensive. Although technology in medicine is not always easy to introduce or uniformly beneficial, in this case it was a no-brainer. As always, we welcome your comments at ccjm@ccf.org.

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