



Passing the baton

Beginning next month, current deputy editor Brian Mandell, MD, PhD, will assume the role of editor-in-chief of the *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine*. Brian is eminently qualified for this role. He has been deputy editor of the CCJM for 5 years and has done much of the heavy lifting in the *Journal's* curriculum planning and article acquisition since coming on board. In addition to that, he is heavily involved in educational activities at The Cleveland Clinic in the Department of Rheumatic and Immunologic Disease, the Division of Medicine, and the new Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University. Last but not least, he remains one of the busiest and most sought-after rheumatologic consultants at The Cleveland Clinic. And he is a nice guy.

I have enjoyed my tenure as editor-in-chief and look forward to continuing my association with the *Journal* in the role of emeritus editor. In that capacity, I join two previous editors-in-chief, Jim Taylor and Herb Wiedemann, who remain in active practice at The Cleveland Clinic. I rank the entire staff of the *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine* as among the most competent and collaborative group of people with whom I have ever had the pleasure to work. They are bright, have a great sense of humor (you have to), and they are completely dedicated to the *Journal's* mission of lifelong learning.

Looking back over the last few years, I believe the *Journal* has made some great strides, beginning with the recognition that its primary goal is education and that its primary function is to serve you, the reader. Frequency of publication, readership, and circulation have all steadily increased despite the challenges of increasing costs of all aspects of publication and ever more capable competition. Under Brian's leadership, I am certain that we will continue to see upward progress, and I will continue to support the *Journal* in every way that I can. And thank you for all your support of the *Journal*. Without you, none of it would matter at all.

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