



Physician, editor, and much more, John D. Clough, MD, retires

I usually use this page to introduce a current article to our readers, often with some personal commentary. But this month I will let the articles speak for themselves, as I devote my words to the retirement of an emeritus editor and honor the man who preceded me as Editor-in-Chief of the *CCJM*, John D. Clough, MD, FACP, FACR.

After working at the National Institutes of Health, John joined the Cleveland Clinic in 1971 as a staff rheumatologist. Thereafter, he founded and directed the Special Immunology Laboratory. He published several seminal papers on the immunopathogenesis and laboratory evaluation of systemic lupus erythematosus. He chaired the Department of Rheumatic and Immunologic Diseases and then the Division of Health Affairs at the Clinic. He served on the Board of Governors and has recently been the publisher of the Cleveland Clinic Press. John remains a skilled clinician and a leader in the Cleveland medical community, and very active in the Ohio Department of Health.

But John is so much more to all of us than the sum of his accomplishments. His wit, crisp analytic skills, and wisdom have fortunately continued to grace our editorial meetings since his retirement from the *Journal* editorship. An avid reader in several languages and prolific author, he has been the unofficial historian of the Cleveland Clinic, having painstakingly revised several editions of the history of the Clinic, *To Act as a Unit*. His perspective on the growth and evolution of the Clinic has provided insight to many younger colleagues as well as to senior leaders. He continues to write music, some of which has been performed by the volunteer Clinic band, which he helped organize. His volunteer work in the community has been myriad, and he has served on the boards of United Cerebral Palsy, Health Space Cleveland, and the Cleveland Music School Settlement, to mention a few.

John, you will be missed within the boardrooms, rheumatology halls, and editorial offices at the Cleveland Clinic. I feel honored to have benefitted from your counsel and friendship. This year we may retire your suspenders, but your insight, honesty, and grace will continue to inspire us. Thanks.



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