New CCJM faces and features

Spring is the poetic time for rejuvenation, and we at the Journal, going with the poetic flow, welcome 2 new deputy editors: James Pile, MD, and George Thomas, MD, MPH. They join our current deputy editor, Craig Nielsen, MD. All 3 are master clinical teachers and superb practicing clinicians.

Jim Pile is a hospitalist on our medicine teaching services. He is board certified in internal medicine and infectious disease, and is a former associate program director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Cleveland Clinic as well as a former program director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at MetroHealth in Cleveland, Ohio. He served as editor in chief of the Society of Hospital Medicine’s publication The Hospitalist, was a founding deputy editor of the Journal of Hospital Medicine, and is a former deputy editor of CCJM.

George Thomas is a nephrologist with a long-standing interest and expertise in managing patients with hypertension. He is the director of the Center for Blood Pressure Disorders in the Department of Kidney Medicine at Cleveland Clinic. In addition to caring for patients in his outpatient clinics, he is a well-published clinical trialist and frequent consultant on our inpatient nephrology services.

We also will be freshening up our list of associate editors (highlighted on the Journal’s masthead) in the coming months, and some of our associate editors will be dedicating time to specific features and series. We will be continuing our The Clinical Picture, Symptoms to Diagnosis, and Guidelines to Practice series. Last year we started a podcast, Beyond the Pages, which is structured as an interview with an author(s) of an article published in the Journal. As an example, in one episode I had a conversation with Dr. Steve Gordon, chairman of the Department of Infectious Disease at Cleveland Clinic, about bacterial endocarditis and the article he coauthored on antibiotic prophylaxis. Each podcast episode is eligible for continuing medical education credit. We will be continuing the Beyond the Pages podcast, which you can easily access on the Journal’s home page: www.ccjm.org. Some of our associate editors will be involved with this project, as well as with some anticipated new recurring features.