

Our Sixtieth Year

The January 1999 issue of *The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry* begins volume number 60, and it is with pride that Physicians Postgraduate Press looks forward to our sixtieth year of providing clinical information to the scientific community. Our *Journal*, which has been a leading neurosciences publication since its very infancy, began in 1940 as *Diseases of the Nervous System*. In 1978, the *Journal's* name changed to *The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, and it is with this well-known title that we go forward into the 21st century.

We have watched with great excitement as the field of psychiatry has expanded beyond what anyone conceived it could 60 years ago. We believe that, as the next decades unfold, the advances made in the treatment of psychiatric disease and other central nervous system disorders will be monumental and will greatly improve the lives of literally every inhabitant around the globe. We are humbled by our role in the development of this specialty and take on the challenges of the future with great anticipation.

The *Journal* has made its greatest strides in the past 10 years, and much of that success is due to our Editor in Chief, Alan J. Gelenberg, M.D. Our achievements have also been due, in part, to a devoted group of physicians who have served as associate editors and peer reviewers. Our company has grown during the past decade, and we owe a great debt to those on our staff who are remarkably gifted as editors and graphic artists and who have provided the talents and knowledge requisite to move our company into the computer age, allowing us to prosper in today's world of desktop publishing.

As the *Journal* has grown in stature, we have been fortunate to provide our readers with an ever increasing number of Supplements, consisting of targeted information about specific subjects. We are gratified by the acceptance of these publications and the continued support from the psychiatric community in providing the resources necessary to bring them to fruition. It is our expectation that the number of our Supplements will continue to grow as our field becomes even more diverse.

We are also pleased with the development of our Continuing Medical Education effort and have benefited tremendously from the expertise of those involved in administering this part of our business. As a brief glance through the pages of our *Journal* demonstrates, our company has entered into the CME arena not only with enduring materials but also by sponsoring live meetings where experts come together with physicians to discuss issues of major importance. Our CME offerings will continue to grow and expand in the future.

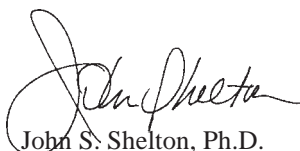
Our Web site, www.psychiatrist.com, has also grown, and we intend to integrate, to a greater degree, the information posted on the Internet with that in our publications. We take this step with the knowledge that many fine researchers, who provide articles to the *Journal*, are not able to include all of the relevant background data in their published manuscripts. While our *Journal* pages are limited each month, the use of the Web site provides an opportunity to offer this relevant background data to those of our readers who are interested in obtaining this information.

Our greatest strength, however, is you, our readers. We have grown immeasurably from the insights we gain from your Letters to the Editor and suggestions that we receive as to ways of improving our publication. We are committed to maintaining our responsiveness to readers' concerns and suggestions. In addition, those who participate in the CME offerings provide extremely important insights regarding the needs of the psychiatric community. As part of our CME obligation, we use this information to form the basis of specific CME activities throughout the year.

As a way of repaying the many kindnesses provided by the psychiatric community over the past 59 years, our company is establishing a special continuing medical education endeavor we are calling "The Physicians Postgraduate Press CME Institute." The purpose of this Institute will be to assist us in meeting the needs of the psychiatric community, both primary care and specialists, who treat patients suffering from CNS disorders. The Institute will be chartered by Physicians Postgraduate Press and will be designed to provide targeted programming. The subject matter for the activities will be determined, in part, by a special Board of Directors, appointed from the international scientific community, with review by our company's CME advisors. We will then appoint thought leaders from around the country to be Institute Fellows who will help develop and execute our programs. It is our hope that, through the CME Institute, we can create meaningful programs to meet the diversity of interests expressed by psychiatrists and other specialists from around the world.

Part of our celebration also includes the offering of a new journal to be part of our publishing family. This journal, titled *The Primary Care Companion to The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, will be devoted to providing research to those readers specializing in primary care medicine. The purpose of the *Companion* is to allow those primary care specialists who have become expert in treating psychiatric disorders to share information with their colleagues. The articles to appear in this journal will be written, in large part, by primary care physicians. We undertake this step with the belief that there is an expanding need for an understanding of the diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric disorders in the primary care arena.

As we celebrate this milestone, we want to invite all of our readers to participate by continuing to read our journals, visit our Web site, and take part in our CME activities.



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