



Stability in a Time of Uncertainty

As the publishers of *The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, we have the responsibility to look beyond our day-to-day operation to the broader issues and concerns that confront you, our valued readers. Now, more than at any time in recent memory, the dissemination of medical research in general, and psychiatric research in particular, is coming under fire from numerous quarters. The daily barrage of headlines has led many clinicians to question the efficacy of treatments and has even raised the specter of putting patients in harm's way. Recently, some of our advisors reported a new trepidation in the psychiatric community about treating those in need, for fear of lawsuits. Surely this outcome is not positive by anyone's standards.

Ironically, this rancorous debate from both lay and professional quarters serves only to reinforce the mission of the *Journal* and our company: to provide up-to-date scientifically rigorous information to our worldwide readers. Our authors, who come from internationally recognized research institutions, contribute the diversity of ideas that has enriched our pages for more than 65 years. Each submission is reviewed by at least two anonymous experts for its scientific merit, and all submissions that are deemed worthy are published. You, our readers, have demonstrated that you are highly satisfied with our efforts as we have become one of the most widely read and frequently cited psychiatric journals in the world.

While most *Journal* articles focus on original research, we also publish commentaries from experts in the field on topics of clinical interest. Two recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration warnings have generated concern among those who practice psychiatry (1) on suicidality and antidepressants and (2) on atypical antipsychotics and diabetes. To respond to these warnings, the CME Institute of Physicians Postgraduate Press, Inc. convened a panel of experts to address each issue and create special commentaries for both this *Journal* and its sister peer-reviewed publication, *The Primary Care Companion to The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*. The commentary on suicidality and antidepressants, authored by experts in psychiatry and primary care, was published this spring in both journals. The commentary on atypical antipsychotics and diabetes, to be authored by experts in psychiatry and diabetes, will appear later this year.

As readers of the *Journal*, you are well aware of the myriad of other educational activities we provide to the psychiatric community in the form of Supplements, newsletters, multimedia publications, and Internet activities. Each of these offerings carries our name, which is our validation that the information is of unequalled quality and directly applicable to your practice. Furthermore, each is authored by a group of clinical experts, who bring the unique perspective of their individual institutions to the discussion. The chorus of voices from institutions around the world brings the objectivity and diversity we desire to everything we publish.

This technological age we live in is truly wondrous—in a few short years we have seen access to the information we provide explode because of the Internet. We saw tremendous

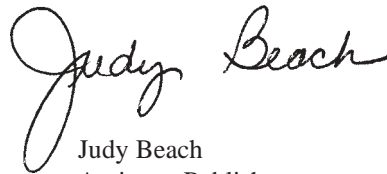
virtue and opportunity in this newest medium early in its history and have established a strong presence via our Web site, www.psychiatrist.com. Each month over 70,000 physicians and other allied health care professionals visit our site to gain information to help them in their practice. In the coming months, we will unveil a new Web experience that will provide you with a revolutionary platform on which to direct your learning and interact with your peers.

The *Journal* and our special programs are designed to inform and educate you, with the goal of better patient care. Earlier this year, we established our CME Institute, which has become an integral part of our company's CME program. Our focus is lifelong learning. We have learned from the more than 60,000 evaluations of our CME activities processed during the past 2 years that 97% of our participants find the activities relevant to their clinical practice, 94% believe the activities are balanced, and 70% state that what they learned from the activity has caused them to change the way they treat their patients.

As a multifaceted publishing company, we also face new challenges. Those we approach to underwrite many of our CME activities are themselves in turmoil because the regulatory environment is in a state of flux. Yet, throughout this painful period of transition, the need for solid education remains unchanging. It is gratifying that our traditional and respected sources of information play an enormously important role in assisting physicians and allied health professionals to diagnose and treat patients in every part of the world.



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