



### Enriching Our Heritage

It is with great pride and excitement that we announce that this month *The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry* has become affiliated with the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP). We have been designated as the “official journal” of the ASCP, as is noted on our front cover. The input and vision that this prestigious group will bring to the *Journal’s* Editorial Board is another important milestone in the development of our company’s overall growth. This new relationship will benefit the *Journal*, the ASCP, and you, our valued reader.

The *Journal* editors and staff will have the opportunity to work more directly with some of the brightest and best minds in the field of psychopharmacology. With this connection, we reinforce and invigorate our mission to provide independent, balanced information to our readers. A society designation will increase the *Journal’s* opportunity to provide objective, evidence-based continuing medical education (CME) activities to its readers and to the 80,000 monthly visitors to its Web site, [www.psychiatrist.com](http://www.psychiatrist.com).

The ASCP will gain added exposure in the worldwide psychiatric community and increase the scope and impact of its CME programs, while assisting physicians to employ medicines in the most effective and efficient fashion. When appropriate, this alliance will also foster interesting new CME activities cosponsored by the ASCP and the *Journal*.

This designation will provide our readers with further assurance of the quality and integrity of the *Journal*. Many important, cutting-edge research undertakings will also gain increased exposure because of this alliance and will appear in the pages of the *Journal* or as offerings on our Web site.

We welcome the ASCP to our publishing family and look forward to a long and productive association.

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### EDITOR NOTE

#### Extending Our Family

For the last 18 years, I have loved being Editor in Chief of *The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*. Editing can be lonely, however, and there is no better antidote for loneliness than good friends. I have been a member of the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology Board of Trustees for a number of years, and I value the organization, its missions, and my fellow board members. They are friends and esteemed colleagues, and I cannot imagine a better group to share in the process of continuous quality improvement for the *Journal*. It is a wonderful marriage, and I know that the *Journal’s* readership will be happy members of this extended family.

**Alan J. Gelenberg, M.D.**

Editor in Chief

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SOCIETY NOTE

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## Achieving Our Goals

With this issue, *The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry* becomes the official journal of the American Society of Clinical Pharmacology (ASCP). The ASCP was established in 1992 to facilitate new research methodology and knowledge in psychopharmacology and to enhance the clinical practice of psychiatry through the exchange of knowledge among clinicians, researchers, and educators. Toward these ends, the ASCP conducts seminars and workshops, sponsors an examination for certification in the practice of psychopharmacology, and has developed a curriculum for the teaching of psychopharmacology in residency training. We also sponsor an annual workshop for young investigators on the design and conduct of clinical trials. Since encouraging the practice of evidence-based clinical psychopharmacology is a focus of our efforts, we are concerned about the potential misuse or overuse of drug treatment as well as the fostering of appropriate diagnostic practices.

The alliance between the ASCP and *The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry* represents an expanded effort to achieve our goals. We are very excited about the opportunities that this collegial endeavor will provide to readers of the *Journal*, to members of the ASCP, and to the fields of psychopharmacology and psychiatry at large.

**John M. Kane, M.D.**

President

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