

# Original and Practical

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With this issue, *Cutis*<sup>®</sup> enters a new era. Over the past 36 years, the journal has been an important source of information and an educational tool for dermatologists, general practitioners, and allergists. As the new editors of the journal, we hope to build on the tradition of excellence developed by Dr. John T. McCarthy and carry the mission of the journal into the twenty-first century.

There are a wide variety of dermatology journals in circulation, each with different areas of focus. The goal of *Cutis* will be to publish ORIGINAL and PRACTICAL articles. The journal will focus on all of the major subspecialties in the field and endeavor to present cutting-edge information that will have a high impact on physicians' daily practice. This by no means indicates that the journal will not publish rare presentations of unusual entities, but we will emphasize the clinical presentation, diagnosis, histopathology, therapy, and management of the more common entities.

Over the next several months, readers will notice several changes in the organization and appearance of the journal. We hope that these alterations will enhance the content, aesthetics, and enjoyment of *Cutis*. The journal will be divided into several sections including:

Case Reports and Clinical Observations  
Continuing Medical Education  
Dermatologic, Laser, and Cosmetic Surgery

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We are entering an exciting time in dermatology. The emergence of immunomodulating drugs will alter or enhance the manner in which we treat atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, viral infections of the skin, and nonmelanoma skin cancers. Laser technology is advancing to permit laser resurfacing without epidermal damage. In the not-too-distant future, gene therapy may be a viable option in the treatment of dermatologic disease. We welcome the challenge of conveying these advances to the clinician in a timely and comprehensive manner.

One year ago, at the 35th anniversary of the journal, Dr. McCarthy wrote, "*Cutis* was the first medical journal written by specialists, but aimed to both specialists and generalists. . . . The idea was and is to contribute to the overall quality of dermatologic care at home and abroad for the broadest spectrum of patients by a broad spectrum of interested physicians." We hope to continue the legacy of *Cutis* in this spirit and look forward to your involvement as readers and contributors.