

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to present the Winter 2012 issue of the Dalhousie Medical Journal. This is a special issue, because it marks the 75th anniversary of the very first edition, and also the inception of three novel DMJ sections. It is a time of change at the DMJ and I want to take this opportunity to orient you to its new look.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the staff members that have moved on from the DMJ. Marcella Cronkhite and Nina Hynick (Co-Editors in Chief), Kayla Sheppard (Editor of Reviews), Elaine Davies and Shannon MacDonald (Co-Editors of Humanities) have all begun their clerkship rotations and will no longer be involved with the DMJ. We would like to thank them for their time spent with the DMJ, and we wish them the best of luck with clerkship and beyond! With every ending comes a new beginning, and with that I would like to welcome our newest members to the staff, Peter Reardon (Co-Editor of Reviews), Adam Rostis (Executive Editor) and Jason Meisner (Editor of Humanities).

Case Reports from the MTU is a section that was proposed by Nathan Lamond, a resident in Internal Medicine at Dalhousie, and we are extremely excited about its prospective future. Upcoming editions of the DMJ will present an interesting case from the Medical Teaching Unit, which is a division of the Department of Medicine. A comprehensive review of the patient's presentation, imaging, diagnosis, and treatment is presented, and it makes for an excellent learning tool. The first installment of this section is entitled *Case 1: A 69 year-old female presenting with fatigue and acute kidney injury* and I believe it demonstrates why we, at the DMJ, are excited about this partnership.

Diagnose This has been added to the journal as well. Each edition we will present a case, which focuses on diagnostic imaging, and will be followed by multiple-choice options for the diagnosis. It is intended to be a fun section that allows medical students to learn about the presentation of relatively common conditions. This issue's edition is no exception, and I think medical students in each of the four years will find it valuable.

Finally, we have created a *News & Views* section. This is a chance for us to include an opinion piece based on the hottest and most controversial topics in medicine. This issue, Oren Krajden (*Class of 2014*) interviews a local physician about her longstanding use of acupuncture. This ties in with a research article included in the journal by Mike Wong (*Class of 2014*), and it helps to provide a more complete discussion of this therapy.

In addition, this section focuses on topics that are somewhat controversial, so feel free to email your comments or opinions to be included in our next issue.

We would like to thank Dr. Jock Murray for his guest editorial on the history of the DMJ. It has had a rich history over the past 75 years and we look forward to continuing the tradition. We hope you enjoy this issue, and continue supporting the Dalhousie Medical Journal.

Sincerely,
Joey Corkum
Editor in Chief
Class of 2014