



Linda Hengstler, publisher, editor, and friend, ends 14-year stint at *CCJM*

This issue marks the end of a chapter in the nearly 70-year history of the *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine*. At the end of January, our longtime publisher, editor, and good friend, Linda Hengstler, left the Cleveland Clinic's nonprofit setting to take on a managerial and editorial position with the respected firm of Dowden Publishing. Under the guidance of Ms. Hengstler's sure hand for the past 14 years, about a fifth of its entire existence, the

Journal has found and grown into its niche as an increasingly appreciated and widely read educational publication for the busy clinician.

Ms. Hengstler's greatest legacy to the *Journal* has been the recognition that the reader is the only reason for its existence. One of her greatest successes has been her ability to identify and attract a stable of talented, collaborative individuals, each of whom brings unique skills to the editorial table. Having assembled these people, she focused their attention single-mindedly on the needs of the reader, occasionally to the consternation of a few of our authors, who may have been unaccustomed to the heaviness of the *Journal's* editorial hand. Most acknowledged eventually, however, that this approach, though at times painful, significantly improved the product, benefiting both reader and author alike.

We at the *Journal* are certainly going to miss her daily presence, her devotion to excellence, and her editorial skills. For some, she has been a hard taskmaster, but she drove no one harder than herself. She is passionate about the *Journal's* dedication to lifelong learning. Linda, with respect and fondness, we wish you well.



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