

# END OF AN ERA

It is with a heavy heart I inform you that this issue—December 2018—of *Emergency Medicine* will be its last. Unfortunately, the print industry is facing enormous challenges financially, and the very difficult decision was made by Frontline Medical Communications, Inc, to stop publishing the journal, both in print and digital format. The fact that 2018 is the 50th anniversary of *Emergency Medicine* makes the decision even more poignant.

When the journal launched in 1968, it looked very different from the current version. In the early years, it was a primary care journal focusing on an audience of general practitioners—predominantly family medicine and internal medicine physicians with an interest in emergency medicine. In many ways, its maturation as a journal mirrored that of *Emergency Medicine* as a recognized specialty within the house of medicine.

I started reading *Emergency Medicine* when I was an *EM* resident in the mid-1980s. Although I read other journals, I always enjoyed reading *Emergency Medicine* more—it was much less intimidating and easier to understand than its fellows. I also frequently learned something that I could immediately put to use in my practice. It was only as time passed that I found I was a member of a large group of practicing emergency physicians who felt exactly the same way. The comments I heard from colleagues had a consistent theme: practical, useful, helpful. I think this explains why it has been the most widely read journal in our specialty.

Like most things in life, success is due to the work of many. *Emergency Medicine's* 50 years of excellence could not have been possible without the hard work and effort of the Editorial Board (both past and present), the authors and contributors, and our reviewers. A special thanks to the staff I have had the privilege to work with over the past many years: Harry Adkins, Martin Dicarlantonio, Maura Griffin, Mary Jo Dales, Jeff Bauer, Tracey Giannouris, and Kellie DeSantis. It has been my extreme fortune and honor to have worked with so many amazing physicians and staff. Please never forget the critically important role you played in a journal that was highly respected and valued by so many practicing emergency physicians. To our readers, I say thank you for your support, encouragement, and loyalty over the years.

Saying goodbye is difficult for me, so I will leave with the words of Drake: “*I may regret the way we ended, but I will never regret what we had.*”

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