

their health and social consequences. The growing maturity of that communication, evident in this journal, increases hope for patients, their families, and the Nation.



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Change Is at Hand

We are happy to announce several changes that will increase the availability and visibility of *Science & Practice Perspectives*. From now on, clinicians, service providers, students, policymakers, and others who use the PubMed search engine (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi) will find *Perspectives* articles that match their information needs. The National Library of Medicine's decision to include *Perspectives* in its MEDLINE (PubMed) database significantly expands the reach and influence of our authors' and panelists' findings and insights. It also affirms the high scientific standards of our authors and panelists, reviewers, editorial board, and editing staff.

Also, with this issue, *Perspectives* moves to a twice yearly publishing schedule. This doubling of frequency will enable us to cover a broader array of topics. The semiannual schedule will enable us to keep abreast of the dynamically evolving research-practice dialogue.

With these changes, contributors to this journal can now achieve a broader and longer lasting impact with their ideas and insights. Readers, we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and send us your proposals for articles and topics. We are pleased to consider any topic that is of interest to both researchers and clinicians. The articles in this issue will provide you with some idea—although a very incomplete one—of the breadth of material this encompasses.

In this issue, Dr. Joanna Fowler and colleagues, and Dr. Michael Otto and colleagues bring highly refined research techniques and theories to bear on particular patient problems. An article by Dr. Dwayne Simpson and Dr. Donald Dansereau, and another by Mr. Jay Hansen address the

challenges of incorporating science-based practices into existing programs, one from a researcher's viewpoint and one from a program director's viewpoint. Finally, Dr. Frank McCorry surveys current standards for performance measurement and quality improvement in drug abuse treatment. We think you—along with future searchers of PubMed—will find much to ponder, profit from, and, we hope, enjoy.



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