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The birth of your publication will serve as a reminder of the commitment family physicians have to the health of all Americans. It will make a tremendous contribution toward making information available to family physicians about current issues and advances in our practice. Along the way, important health care services provided by family physicians will be recorded on your pages.

As you launch this Journal, I'm honored to be able to send best wishes for your success and for the continuation of your good work.

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To the Editor:

Family Practice, the newest of the primary care specialties, has come of age. Board certified family practitioners, in growing numbers, are taking their place in communities all over the country as major providers of primary care. Academic departments of Family Practice have been established in 105 medical schools to provide the necessary undergraduate education in Family Practice, and of course numerous graduate training programs now exist to train residents in this discipline.

What has lagged behind these developments is the growth of a strong initiative in clinical investigation that would complement the educational effort. No specialty in medicine can thrive without the support and stimulus of an active research program.

While many of the new departments of Family Practice have encouraged research and in fact produced quite creditable investigative studies, there has been to date no special outlet for the publication of this work. It is time that Family Practice had its own academic journal in which to publish original studies, reviews and commentary of special interest to physicians in the field.

The Journal of the American Board of Family Practice has been established to serve this important purpose. Its founders hope that it will not only be a forum and a focus for scholarly efforts in Family Practice but will serve as a stimulus in encouraging academic investigators, teachers and clinical practitioners to communicate with their colleagues.

In this age of proliferating periodicals, one must look very carefully at the justification for starting yet another journal. But this one has an important and legitimate purpose. It is clearly needed, and its prospects for success seem excellent. I extend to its editors and staff my collegial best wishes and make the confident prediction that the JABFP will quickly take its place among the ranks of important clinical journals.

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Dear Nick:

The American Board of Medical Specialties welcomes your new publication, the Journal of the American Board of Family Practice. Your board has been one of the most innovative of all ABMS Member Boards, and one which has made a serious commitment to the continuing education of specialists in Family Practice. This journal will contribute to the education of all medical disciplines and to the processes of certification and recertification.

Please extend our congratulations and best wishes to your fellow-editors, editorial boards and the staff of the Journal. As an addition to the medical literature, it will be especially welcome because of the regard all of us hold for its sponsoring specialty board.

With best personal regards,

Cordially,

Donald G. Langsley, M.D.
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Dear Dr. *N. Pisacano*:

As a former family practitioner, I am honored by your invitation to participate in the inauguration of The Journal of the American Board of Family Practice. With the growth of family practice as a specialty, The Journal makes its appearance at a most opportune time. Continuing professional education in every specialty is indispensable, and scholarly journals play a crucial role in that effort.

As the largest publisher of medical information in the world, we at the American Medical Association welcome The Journal to the field of medical publishing. You and your fellow editors have our congratulations and best wishes in this most worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

James H. Sammons, M.D.

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