

Epilogue

After the materials for this supplemental issue were developed and prepared for publication, Dr. Nicholas J. Pisacano suddenly and unexpectedly died. His absence will profoundly affect the lives of many of us who survive him.

His life was an inspiration to others—both within and outside his beloved profession. He provided leadership in development of the specialty of family practice. Probably more than any other single individual, he contributed to the creation and development of family practice in this nation and in other parts of the world.

Much of his accomplishment can be attributed to his personal characteristics. A major element of his personality was his profound and persistent dedication to quality in all things. He loved and admired classical art, music, and literature. He also loved and admired colleagues who demonstrated themselves to be unselfish in their devotion to quality and high moral and ethical principles—even if he intellectually disagreed with them. He

was able to achieve worldwide recognition for his professional contributions through a stubborn unwillingness to compromise his principles. He persistently shunned personal aggrandizement and eschewed people who sought it.

His unbounded energy and deep convictions have left us all a legacy the extent of which may not be determined for generations. He has touched the lives of a vast number of students, professionals, and people throughout the world, many of whom may never recognize his contributions.

Nick was scholarly, unselfish, dedicated, loyal, committed, untiring, and creative. He demanded high moral and ethical standards for himself and others. He had deep compassion for the unfortunate and needy. He had no patience with selfishness, immorality, or slothfulness.

Nick will be remembered and missed. We all have a responsibility to continue to seek the goals he has set for us.