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As you may have heard, I recently terminated my role as Editor of the *Journal of Family Practice* and have accepted the position of Editor of the *Journal of the American Board of Family Practice*. I feel privileged to become involved with this journal, which was established three years ago on a quarterly basis by the Board in response to the vital need for an expanded forum for the publication of scholarly work in our growing clinical specialty. The Board stands for quality in the certification process and standards of care in our discipline, and has recognized the special importance of the literature of record based on study and experience in family practice settings. This commitment by the Board to this journal provides a stable, long-term base for the kind of literature so necessary to build family medicine as an academic and scientific discipline with strong roots in community practice.

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