The year was 1993, Bill Clinton was president, the Moffitt Cancer Center was just 7 years old and the editor was 20 years younger when the idea of a new journal for oncologists began to be discussed. At that time, the Center was already known for the excellence of its cancer patient care, but bench and translational research was in its infancy. My, how things have changed! The Center, the only NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center in Florida, now sees over 324,000 outpatients annually, making it one of the busiest cancer institutes in the country, and more than $70 million in grant revenues in fiscal year 2012 underscores the exponential growth in that key linked activity.

This current issue represents the beginning of our 20th year of publication. Our first issue, published in January 1994, focused on head and neck cancer, and it immediately set the tone for our future issues. Our aim was — and still is — to provide clinicians in all specialties of oncology with a coherent and comprehensive review of a specific oncologic topic that would include recommendations for optimal approaches to recognition, diagnosis, and management. Thus, we did not try to become a journal devoted to publishing only research results. Instead, we hoped that our focus on well-rounded and current reviews, including best clinical practices, would assist clinicians in optimizing their clinical care and keeping up to date on advances and innovations in cancer care as well as the possible breakthroughs on the horizon.

Generous distribution of artwork has made our journal attractive to the eye and easier to read by our large national and international audiences. Early acceptance for indexing by PubMed/Medline and Embase/Excerpta Medica validated the quality and consistency of our editorial content, most of which is available as full text electronically (MOFFITT.org/ccj). Over 1,000 of our articles are indexed in PubMed, and those published in 2009 and after will be indexed and abstracted in Thomson Reuters Web of ScienceSM. From the beginning, the editorial content we have published has been provided by leaders in the field, be they institutional, national, or international in location. We are grateful to them, as well as all our many manuscript reviewers who have ensured pertinence and accuracy in our articles as well as a minimum of bias. Their significant efforts have been key to maintaining our editorial standards. Added to this, we have been blessed by a tiny but superb editorial and production team.

Over these 20 years, the scientific and educational value of the journal has improved, and we have countless testaments to its value. As an example, Cancer Control has played a key role in the education of all the oncology fellows in Cuba, and that country used the content of one of our issues devoted to assessment of the quality of cancer care to design the function of its peripheral oncology clinics.

I am personally pleased and proud of the accomplishments of the journal over the past two decades. We have filled an important niche in the continuing education of oncology practitioners, and we trust that this will continue in the future. As cancer care continues to evolve and improve, there will be a continued need for well-designed cancer education activities. Challenges remain, however, as to how we should best reach and interact with our readership.

Many thanks for your continuing interest and support, and best wishes for the New Year.

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