



Publisher's Note

Our New Editor in Chief

With growth comes change and with change comes opportunity. *The Primary Care Companion to The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry* is beginning its fifth year of publication with a new Editor in Chief. Larry Culpepper, M.D., M.P.H., Chair, Department of Family Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine and Boston Medical Center, has succeeded J. Sloan Manning, M.D., as editor.

As the publishers, we are indebted to Dr. Manning, our founding editor, for his vision, hard work, and determination. His legacy is a thriving publication that is recognized as an important resource for primary care physicians.

We anticipate continued growth and expansion under the leadership of Dr. Culpepper. Dr. Culpepper received his M.D. degree from Baylor College of Medicine and his M.P.H. from Boston University. He has served as president of the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) and as chair of the Research Committee of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM). As a member of the World Organization of Family Doctors Research and Classification Committees, a Primary Care Fellow of the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration, and chair and member of research grant review committees for the National Institutes of Health and other federal agencies, Dr. Culpepper actively collaborates with colleagues in identifying interdisciplinary needs and defining standards in research. He has received the STFM Excellence in Education and the Curtis G. Hames Research awards and was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 1998. Dr. Culpepper has been extensively involved with research in depression and anxiety.

We are truly fortunate to have an internationally recognized authority take editorial control at a time of great change in the delivery of psychiatric health care. Today, the primary care physician plays an expanding role in the treatment of psychiatric disorders. Under Dr. Culpepper's leadership, the *Companion* will continue to guide our audience and equip them to meet the challenges of a changing world.

Our greatest asset, however, remains our readers. We are humbled by your outpouring of support for the *Companion* and pledge to publish research of the highest quality that has the greatest immediate impact on your practice.

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