2005—A Year of Accomplishments

As this year closes, we look back on a series of exciting accomplishments for the Journal, its affiliated Web sites, and Physicians Postgraduate Press, Inc., all of which were designed to assist you, our readers, to become better caregivers. While each accomplishment is unique, 3 common factors thread them together: vision, perseverance, and cooperation.

One important development has been the Journal’s successful alliance with the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP). Each issue now includes a special ASCP column, authored by a thought leader, that focuses on the most pressing issues clinicians face today. The thought-provoking commentaries by members of this prestigious organization will help you improve your clinical decision making.

New sections have added another level of depth to the Journal. In the “Focus on . . .” sections, our editors invite experts to author articles on clinical issues such as Alzheimer’s disease and women’s mental health. In addition, our special Commentaries sponsored by the CME Institute of Physicians Postgraduate Press, Inc., continue to bring you discussions by world-renowned expert clinicians on issues you face daily in your practice. You can listen to these discussions on the Issues of the Day section of www.psychiatrist.com.

Our CME Institute has continued to make great strides. Its expert Directors (listed at www.CMEinstitute.com) have served as faculty for the Institute’s CME activities, which appear in the Journal and its Supplements and on our Web sites. Thousands of physicians from dozens of hospitals and community mental health centers have enrolled as institutional members of the CME Institute and participated in the Distance Rounds program, an offering that brings interactive activities to your desktop. Many Distance Rounds activities are cosponsored by the ASCP and derive from the ASCP Model Psychopharmacology Curriculum.

Our most significant accomplishment this year has been the debut of www.MedFair.com, our patented virtual healthcare convention, which is destined to change the way you obtain and share medical information. MedFair.com looks like a brick and mortar convention, but is available 24/7 with information that is always fresh. Driven by the most sophisticated programming of today, MedFair.com invites visitors to participate in interactive classes and lectures in the CME Institute, view special poster presentations in the Poster Session, and visit commercial and institutional exhibits in the separately owned and operated CNS Pavilion. While MedFair.com today focuses on issues vital to clinicians who manage patients with mental health disorders, ultimately, MedFair.com will feature CME activities and commercial exhibits designed around every major medical specialty.

Annually, www.MedFair.com, along with the Journal’s Web site, www.psychiatrist.com, attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors who are in search of the most recent, clinically useful information that will immediately help them become better caregivers. Our pledge to you, our readers, is to continue to bring the highest caliber research and clinical observations each month in the Journal and at our Web sites.

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