

On the Road of Excellence

Robert B Kalina, Publisher

As a publisher, I would like nothing more than to take credit for the success of *The Canadian Journal of Gastroenterology*. My contribution, however, pales in comparison with that of the Editors-in-Chief over the past 19 years.

Drs Thomson and Williams' work in starting up this journal was enormous and they continued until it evolved into a high-quality, world-class journal. Dr Lloyd Sutherland was appointed as the second Editor-in-Chief in 2000. As a clinical trials expert, he was able to elevate the *Journal* to yet another level, increasing both its quality and prominence. This prominence was reflected by an increase in the impact factor, placing the *Journal* in the top one-half of the main gastroenterology publications. This was a considerable feat for a relatively young journal, published in a country with a relatively small population and competing with the giant next door.

Nevertheless, the most significant role the *Journal* has played is not in its international profile but in its effect on Canadian research. In addition to being a well-recognized

journal, *The Canadian Journal of Gastroenterology* has successfully fulfilled its role as a truly national journal, not only by opening the window on Canadian research to the world, but also by providing Canadian researchers with a vehicle for the dissemination of their research to a wide body of Canadian physicians.

This issue establishes a new Editor-in-Chief – Dr Paul Adams, Professor of Medicine and Chief of Gastroenterology at the London Health Sciences Centre, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.

We are confident that Dr Adams' tenure will move the *Journal* even more in the forward direction. In his first few months, he has made it his goal to work with us to establish *The Canadian Journal of Gastroenterology* as the first Pulsus journal to use the Pulsus Group online review system.

We wish Dr Adams all the best during his five-year tenure and look forward to working with him on taking the *Journal* to an even higher level of excellence.

HELICOBACTER PYLORI CONSENSUS UPDATE 2004

Introduction

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In 1999, the first Canadian guidelines for the management of *Helicobacter pylori* infection in children were generated and published in *The Canadian Journal of Gastroenterology* (1999;13[3]). Guidelines specific to the pediatric population are clearly relevant because infection is acquired in childhood and yet children rarely develop complications associated with infection (such as peptic ulcer disease or gastric cancer). Since the initial guidelines were published, there has been a vast amount of new knowledge gained with respect to *H pylori* infection. Therefore, in May 2004, the Canadian *Helicobacter*

Study group held a consensus conference to provide updated evidence-based guidelines for the management of infection in children and adolescents. The recommendations generated from this meeting are outlined in the present issue of the *Journal*. The aim of these guidelines is to assist the practitioner in the management of children infected or suspected of having infection with the gastric pathogen *H pylori* and, thereby, improve the overall care of children. In addition, recent advances in the field, including both basic and clinical sciences, are highlighted in accompanying papers in the present issue.

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