

another dimension to the diabetes-related literature.

The Editors have defined the publication objectives of the new journal by an acronymic definition of CARE: "Clinical and Applied Research for Better Education and Care." While operationally desirable, the acronym may not be necessary; the simple word *Care* may suffice to express the philosophical mission. The new journal is designed to promote better patient care by serving the expanded needs of all health professionals committed to the care of patients with diabetes. As such, the American Diabetes Association views *Diabetes Care* as a reaffirmation of Francis Weld Peabody's contention that "the secret of the care of the patient is in caring for the patient."

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Filling a Gap

Most journals dealing with diabetes, for obvious reasons, concentrate on the ever-increasing basic scientific knowledge of diabetes mellitus as found in the research laboratories. Few are concerned with the more clinical and practical aspects of living with diabetes. And yet, in no other disease does the patient play such a major role in the control of his own future.

In equipping him to play this part, many professionals are involved: the doctor, the nurse, the dietitian, the social worker, the pharmacist, the podiatrist, and the physiotherapist, to name only some of the more obvious ones. Any journal that can accumulate and widely distribute the

combined experience of these professionals must be assured of a warm welcome by everyone concerned with the welfare of the individual patient. Its success will depend on the willingness of all those occupied with the life of the diabetic at home and in hospital to share their knowledge, to admit their mistakes, and to learn from the experience of others.

As President of the International Diabetes Federation I welcome this new journal, which I am sure should—and, we may hope, will—fill a gap in our present literature and be of practical and lasting value to those of us who care for patients.

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