Evolution and Reflection

Something Old, Something New
This issue of Laboratory Medicine introduces changes that include the ninth cover design for the journal since its inception in 1970, and the first redesign since 2012. At 10 years, the previous "Lab Medicine" cover was the longest running cover design in the journal’s history, eclipsing the original and "LABMEDICINE" covers, both of which lasted 8 years.

This new cover design incorporates certain features of past designs yet represents an entirely new look for the journal. Perhaps the biggest change is that the title has reverted to its original "Laboratory Medicine," the name under which the journal has always been registered with the National Library of Medicine. The title on the cover was changed to LABMEDICINE in 2004, but now returns to its original, more stately and complete form. The basic color scheme remains the same as the previous design, with the formality of a black background, along with the dark blue-highlighted "Medicine" in the title, which also has returned to the top of the cover. The cover image now extends to the left and right borders. Subtle changes have been made to the formatting of papers published in the journal, to improve readability and aesthetics. The text has been slightly compressed to accommodate more articles, as the number of submitted manuscripts continues to climb commensurate with the steadily improving Impact Factor for the journal.

I sincerely hope you like the new look and share my pride in Laboratory Medicine.

A Momentous Milestone
The year 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the American Society for Clinical Pathology (until 2001, the organization was called the American Society of Clinical Pathologists). The centennial will be celebrated in several ways throughout this year, reaching a climax at the ASCP Annual Meeting Chicago, IL, September 6-8, 2022. The Society has much to celebrate in its 100-year history. Dr Fred Rodriguez, a former ASCP President, and Dr John Ball, former ASCP Executive Vice President, compiled an impressive list (Lab Med 2007;38:596-601) of ASCP "firsts," including:

- The first certifying agency for laboratory personnel, the Board of Registry, created in 1928
- Creation of the American Board of Pathology in 1934
- Creation of the College of American Pathologists in 1946
- Election of Dr Emma Moss as president of the ASCP, the first female president of any national medical organization
- Creation of the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS), formerly the ASCP Board of Schools, in 1973
- Creation of the Resident In-Service Exam (RISE) in 1983
- Accreditation of the Board of Registry by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in 2007

Throughout its history, the ASCP has been the premier professional organization for pathology and laboratory medicine, true to their founding goal to “achieve greater scientific proficiency in clinical pathology, and to maintain the status of clinical pathologists on an equal plane with other specialties.” On behalf of the Editorial Board, editorial office, and Oxford University Press, our publisher, I extend my sincerest and heartiest congratulations to the leadership and members of the ASCP for reaching this momentous milestone.

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