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Newsletter name and format changes announced

The FAMILY MEDICINE TEACHER (FMT) is the official publication of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine and the successor to FAMILY MEDICINE TIMES. The new FMT serves as the voice of the Society in matters related to Family Medicine education and research. It also serves the function of providing news items of importance to the Society's membership. Format will evolve to most appropriately combine these two functions.

It is expected that the new FMT will assist in the definition of the discipline of Family Medicine, and serve as a bridge to an eventual academic journal. Articles appearing in FMT will be indexed annually and the publication punched for a standard three-hole binder to allow for easy retention.

The Needs Assessment Survey of the STFM membership in 1977 clearly indicated the perceived need for a news publication, and articulated the feeling of many members regarding the need for a referred journal. Though a journal previously had been approved, it was recognized as a practical reality that a full-blown quality journal still was beyond the financial capability of the Society. A workable approach to both concerns is an expanded FMT, incorporating the basic elements of both. Lynn P. Carmichael, M.D., will serve as academic editor of FMT; Ms. Maureen Murphy will continue as managing editor.

FAMILY MEDICINE TEACHER invites scholarly papers related to the broad field of Family Medicine, as well as brief communications, letters-to-the-editor, and reviews of books and other media. Items submitted are to include current developments in teaching and education and position statements as well as pertinent studies, investigations, and evaluations. Selection is dependent on anonymous assessment by peers based on originality, significance, methodology, and presentation. Authors will be informed of the decision regarding the manuscript, and of the reviewing comments.

Contributions submitted for publication should be clear, succinct, easy-to-read, and well-documented. A short abstract or summary is desirable. Illustrations are welcomed; but should be in a form suitable for reproduction and publication. Unused manuscripts will be returned. Books and audio-visual materials will be retained by the reviewer.

Manuscripts submitted for consideration should not have been published or accepted for publication elsewhere. Acknowledgment of support or prior presentation is the responsibility of the author. Manuscripts are subject to modification and revision by the editor dependent on author acceptance.

—STFM Communications Committee



STFM's NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Ms. Ann Peterson Hyde converses with AAFP Executive Director Mr. Roger Tusken and AAFP Assistant Executive Director Dr. Thomas Stern during a reception at the headquarters building. Ms. Hyde, formerly executive director of the American Nurses' Foundation, began working with STFM on December 1. Additional details, along with an initial column from the new Executive Director, can be found on page 3.