

New adventures

It is with some trepidation that I assume the position of editor-in-chief of *Quintessence International*, knowing that the editors before me have done such a wonderful job. I especially want to thank Bill Wathen for his outstanding service to this journal specifically and to dentistry in general. He is off on a new adventure, and all of us wish him well. I would also like to express my appreciation for his help during this time of transition. Credit also goes to the staff at Quintessence Publishing who have made the process a pleasure.

Since I have been in full-time private practice for almost 30 years, my appointment signals a shift in emphasis at QI. While I hope to continue to highlight the science of dentistry, I also want to add more material relevant to those of us in clinical practice. Among the changes will be a series of clinical cases treated by multidisciplinary teams. The plan is to present these cases in installments from inception through completion. The initial material will provide sufficient information to allow the reader to construct his or her own treatment plan; subsequent articles will detail specific therapy and treatment outcomes for that patient. Another feature will be an opinion section for debating two sides of an issue, in which each author will comment on the other's position. Also in our plans are invited technique articles that will illustrate

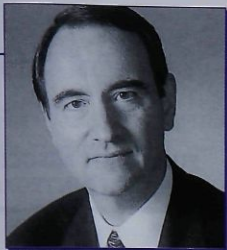
step-by-step procedures on selected topics. These and other features will be phased in over the next year or two.

I am especially fortunate to have a number of talented, motivated associate editors to help in the process. I am still selecting editors with a mix of clinical and academic expertise and with a wide range of experience. In addition, an attempt was made to represent all facets of dentistry. My charge to this group will be to publish cutting-edge material designed to improve our readers' practices. These editors will be responsible for recruiting articles in their areas of expertise as well as contributing their own material. The new associate editors will be introduced in a future issue.

This process will take time, and we will err. When that occurs, we anticipate and invite your suggestions for improvement.

On behalf of all here at QI, I want to thank you for your readership. I hope that our efforts will enable you to fulfill your professional aspirations.

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