

Preface from the Editors

As this is the last issue of the century, we found it fitting to focus on the last scientific frontier: the neurosciences. Ur *et al.* have thoroughly examined the literature and ask: "Is leptin all in the mind?"; Kongkham writes a thorough account about the diagnosis and treatment of acoustic neuromas; and Lewis examines the role of antigluocorticoid treatment in depression.

Questions surrounding public policy, ethics, and the use of clinical trials are relevant in medicine today. Compensation and physician benefits are likely to be an emerging issue of discussion within the next century and Leitch and Walker give an informative overview of this subject. Dickens discusses the time-honoured duty of physician-patient confidentiality in the new series, Law, Ethics in Medicine, and Weil writes an overview of basic statistical indices employed in all clinical trials in the new series, Evidence-Based Medicine.

We are proud to continue our well-received clinical sections: Clinicopathological Correlation presents findings of edema, Morning Report is a pain in the chest, and Quick Diagnosis takes us into the O.R. In addition, we start a new series, Back to Basics, and this issue reviews the electrocardiogram. As always, Technology

Review and Book Reviews offer insightful opinions for the reader.

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