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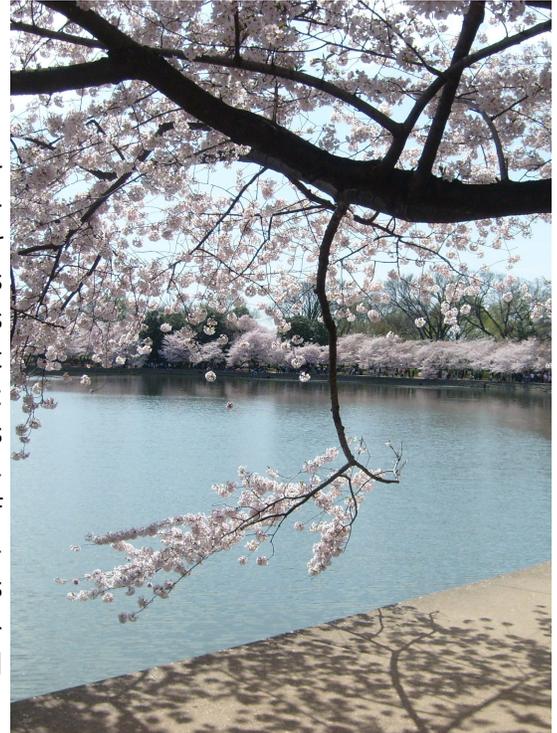
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"A Welcome Revival"

As I edited the May-June issue of *Missouri Hospitalist* last spring, I was resigned to the fact that it would be our final publication. That decision was prompted by my own retirement, this fall, and the acknowledgement that the time commitment of academic hospitalists has been stretched to its limit. Nevertheless, following the announcement, I received a number of emails from across the State, expressing both appreciation for our efforts over the previous four years and disappointment that the online journal would no longer be published.



Within two months of our final issue, I was gratified to learn that several interns at the University of Missouri wanted to re-launch *Missouri Hospitalist*. Drs. Ankur Jindal, Hariharan Regunath and Fatima Khan expressed concern that the educational and social benefits of the journal had been lost and committed themselves to reviving and editing that online publication. This issue is the first in what, I hope, will be a long series for their new journal, an expanded and improved version of the original edition.

It is also my hope that hospitalists across Missouri, both private and academic, will contribute to the ongoing success of this journal by submitting material for publication and by keeping all subscribers informed regarding regional events and educational opportunities that might be of interest to the group. In the end, the value of this project will be measured by the level of interest and engagement of those who receive it. I am honored that the new editors have taken up this challenge and I look forward to reading their journal for many years to come.

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