

Preface

If you would understand anything, observe its beginning and its development.

—Aristotle

It was a pleasure for us to celebrate the 40th anniversary of *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy* during 2006 and 2007. To mark this special occasion, we published a series of articles describing the pioneering work in key areas of clinical pharmacy that have led to today's advanced, specialized practices. We have compiled the articles here to allow easy access to the information. This book includes all 112 articles published in that series: 71 articles from earlier volumes of the journal and 41 describing the growth of the profession over the years. In addition, articles published during the early years of the journal that show the development of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) are included.

These papers illustrate how the original goals of the journal set by its founding editor and publisher, Donald E Francke, are being consistently achieved. In 1967, the first year of the journal, most retail pharmacists were no more than “count-and-pour” technicians. Francke envisioned pharmacy to become a full healthcare profession, with goals of the journal being to enhance pharmacist's ability to make intelligent judgments regarding drug therapy, encourage the development of specialization within pharmacy practice, extend a pharmacist's practice from just hospitals to other settings, and stimulate teaching and research activities.

1. To make pharmacists more sophisticated in their knowledge of drugs and thus to enhance their ability to make intelligent judgments regarding drug properties and characteristics, distribution, and control within the hospital.
2. To emphasize to hospital pharmacists modern, broad concepts of their role as health practitioners.
3. To encourage the development of specialization within hospital pharmacy.
4. To stimulate the development of a broader system of drug control throughout the hospital, in order to promote the safety and welfare of the patient, based upon the pharmacist's special professional and scientific knowledge.
5. To encourage the profession to extend its services to small hospitals, extended care facilities, and nursing homes where it is so greatly needed, and thus to stimulate new patterns of professional practice for the community pharmacist.
6. To bring significant social and historical events to the attention of hospital pharmacists.
7. To stimulate the teaching and research activities of the hospital pharmacist.

Francke published articles during the early years of *The Annals* that were authored by pioneers in the profession. These included his own vision of the profession, John Wagner's establishment of pharmacokinetics, and Ed Hartshorn's introduction to drug interactions. In the 40th anniversary series, we reprinted those and many other articles illustrating the groundbreaking role of the journal. Articles commenting on these developments over the 40 years of the journal were authored by today's recognized leaders in their fields.

Many aspects of clinical practice overlap; in this book, we have divided topics into sections that represent issues related to the beginnings and development of clinical pharmacy, education, pharmacy practice, clinical sciences, therapeutic specialties, and pharmacy technicians. The articles describing the creation and development of ACCP follow those sections.

We believe that this book will be a useful addition to healthcare literature. All pharmacy schools are required to teach about the historical perspectives of pharmacy, and the evolution of clinical practice is among the most significant developments in the profession. In addition, other pharmacists and healthcare practitioners interested in knowing how clinical pharmacy has evolved may appreciate this presentation of our profession's highlights.

It has been heartening to receive numerous positive comments about this series of articles and we are grateful to the authors for their contributions. We hope that you share our enthusiasm and will enjoy this important series.

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