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## EDITORIAL

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# Contributions of Students, Residents, and Fellows to the *Journal*

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Although a brief biographical sketch of the authors appears at the end of each article, the sum contribution to the *Journal* of students, residents, and fellows may not be appreciated fully without quantification. In the two-year period from the July/August issue of 2009 through the May/June issue of 2011, students were authors of featured or departmental articles 24 times, and 11 of those were as the lead author. Residents were authors of articles 45 times, 21 as lead authors, and fellows were authors 31 times, three as lead authors.

Since 2006 the *Journal* has published in its March/April issue the 25 best abstracts of presentations and posters from the annual Louisiana American College of Physicians Associates Meeting. In the past two years, students were authors five times, four of those as lead authors. Residents were authors 88 times, 45 as first authors, and fellows were authors seven times. The selection committee has told me that residents submit far more abstracts than students or

fellows and, therefore, present more, and as a consequence have more abstracts eligible for selection for publication in the *Journal*. The annual dues for associates is \$109.00 for house officers and is waived for students. Thus, Associate Membership in the American College of Physicians is a bargain for those who wish to present and publish, especially if they are students.

The reasons for publishing are manifold, and first among these is the knowledge that the author gains as he or she researches and contemplates in depth the subject of the manuscript. The interest that prompted the first paper is accentuated by the initial and subsequent investigations of the subject, and in time the fledgling author is a bona-fide expert. The numbers cited above for students, residents, and fellows assure me that the future of clinical investigation is safe and that medical experts will continue to be with us.

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Dr. Glancy is the editor of the *Journal*.

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## LSMS CALENDAR

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### August 20, 2011

Senior Physician Section Meeting  
LSMS Headquarters

### September 14, 2011

Board of Governors Meeting  
LSMS Headquarters

### September 17, 2011

Council on Member Services Meeting  
LSMS Headquarters

### November 12-15, 2011

AMA Interim Meeting  
New Orleans Hilton

### December 3, 2011

CMEAP Committee Meeting  
LSMS Headquarters

### December 13, 2011

LSMS Resolution Deadline

### December 14, 2011

Board of Governors Meeting  
LSMS Headquarters

### January 27-28, 2012

LSMS Annual House of Delegates Meeting  
Hilton Capitol Center, Baton Rouge