Advice to Authors

Henry Ford Hospital Medical Journal

The Editorial Board of the Henry Ford Hospital Medical Journal welcomes papers for review and possible publication from any former or current staff member of the Henry Ford Hospital or the Edsel B. Ford Institute for Medical Research. The Journal provides a rapid means of publication of papers covering a broad spectrum of interests including case presentations, scientific experimental studies from either basic or clinical research science laboratories, preliminary communications, and papers philosophically oriented.

Style of writing should conform to good English usage and be clear, readable and optimally brief. Within these limitations individuality will not be discouraged. Certain conformities are essential for a good journal and the ones expected here are as follows:

Acknowledgements of grant support should be indicated in an initial footnote, and the departmental and divisional affiliations indicated at the same point.

Layout of the textual presentation and number of illustrations is left to the discretion of the author, within reasonable limits.

Dorland's Medical Dictionary and Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary are the standards used. Generally, the style book of the American Medical Association is followed, with titles as abbreviated by Index Medicus.

A summary/abstract, which is a 150-200 word statement of purpose and conclusions, should be furnished for use with the paper.

All tabulated material should be submitted camera-ready. Where illustrations cannot be used same size, desired "cropping" should be shown or reduction considered.

References should be in numerical rather than alphabetical sequence, according to their order of appearance in the text, and in the following style:


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Three copies of the manuscript are required, with the author keeping at least one more. One complete set of original illustrations must be submitted with the three copies of manuscript, and the author must have available at least one complete duplicate set of these illustrations. One submitted manuscript copy should be the original and the other two dry-copy (eg, Xerox). Dry copies of the illustrations should be included with the two similar copies of the manuscript. The editors are aware that the optimal quality of illustrations will be apparent only in the originals.

One hundred reprints will be made available without charge to the authors of each paper published in the Journal. Reasonable requests for additional reprints made at the time of acceptance of the paper for publication will be considered and honored if possible.

Suggestions about any of this advice which readers and authors think will serve to improve the Journal will be welcomed by the editors.
Robert S. Knighton, M.D.
An appreciation

The papers in this issue of the Journal are submitted by Henry Ford Hospital alumni who were former residents of Dr. Robert S. Knighton.

On October 21 and 22, 1976, thirty-five of the forty neurosurgeons trained by Dr. Knighton, together with six current house officers, gathered in Detroit to hold a meeting in his honor.

Dr. and Mrs. Norman Rotter were hosts at an informal dinner at their home on the evening of October 21. The scientific session was held in Buerki Auditorium at the Hospital on October 22. That evening, a dinner party was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn. In attendance and joining the alumni were many friends and associates of Dr. Knighton. Highlighting the evening was the presentation of Dr. Knighton’s portrait to his gracious wife, Louise. The alumni commissioned Mrs. D. Emerick Szilagyi to paint the portrait. A photocopy appears in this issue of the Journal. Also presented was a silver tray engraved with the names of former residents, and a bicentennial medal from Belgium sent by Dr. Pierre Van Der Hofstadt.

One can perhaps best summarize the tributes paid Dr. Knighton by saying that it was a unique privilege to have been a resident at Henry Ford Hospital and to have trained under Dr. Knighton. A master surgeon in the true sense, his philosophy of always doing what is best for the patient is a practice we all try to emulate.

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