

Letter From the Editor-In-Chief



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Academic Forensic Pathology was founded in 2011 with Dr. Keith Pinckard as its first Editor-In-Chief. Since its inception, it has been the Official Journal of the National Association of Medical Examiners. Throughout the last eight years, Dr. Pinckard has guided the Journal through from its birth to maturity. In this period, four issues have been published each year with hundreds of articles written, both reviews and new papers, with many papers written by people new to publishing. The Journal has proven a great success and it is a singular honor to take over from Keith as the Interim Editor-In-Chief. Keith moves on to become Editor Emeritus. The Associate Editor and edi-

torial board remain the same. This will be the second issue published under the association with Sage Journals. The concept of the Journal remains the same, and themed issues will continue to be published. With Sage Journals, the reach of the Journal is expanding.

In this issue, the liver and pancreatico-duodenal system is the focus of the papers published. This is an anatomical area that involves many diseases, toxins, and trauma that the forensic pathologist has to interpret and, as usual with papers in *Academic Forensic Pathology*, there is much practical information. As ever, not all papers are invited reviews and once more I in-



vite all authors to consider submitting their work for publication in the Journal, whether reviews, images in forensic pathology, or new research. Forensic pathology remains a vibrant specialty with an academic

base. This Journal has a central role as the academic journal of death investigation and it is my intention to build on the work of Dr. Pinckard and keep this journal as the Journal for and by forensic pathologists.