Editor’s message

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n this, the sequel to the August 1999 JAOA supplement on gastrointestinal disorders, osteopathic physicians prominent in their field of practice share their expertise.

Gary R. Zuckerman, DO, one of our first trained osteopathic gastroenterologists, is recognized as a prominent investigator in the area of gastrointestinal bleeding and is published in that area. He presents an approach to acute gastrointestinal bleeding for the primary care physician.

Daniel L. Biery, DO, with credentials in and a long history of endoscopic experience, and now Chief of Medicine in Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic in Clifton Springs, New York, elucidates the role of endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography as well as its indications for the primary care physician.

Gastroesophageal reflux disease has a nocturnal component in a significant percentage of patients. Sleep has been shown to diminish esophageal clearance of acid. Gastroesophageal reflux disease may significantly affect sleep patterns. In addition, in an interdisciplinary presentation, Brian H. Foresman, DO, a pulmonologist and a member of the JAOA Editorial Advisory Board, discusses obstructive sleep apnea and its considered role in nocturnal gastroesophageal reflux.

Under the direction of Ronald V. Marino, DO, MPH, also a member of the JAOA Editorial Advisory Board, Bhanu Sunku, MD, and Robyn Sockolow, MD, provide an overview of pediatric gastroesophageal reflux disease.

The information presented in this supplement should be extremely valuable for primary care physicians. It is hoped that with the benefit of these clinical reviews, the ability of primary care physicians in these areas will be enhanced.

Thank you for the privilege of aiding in the presentation of this continuing medical education material.