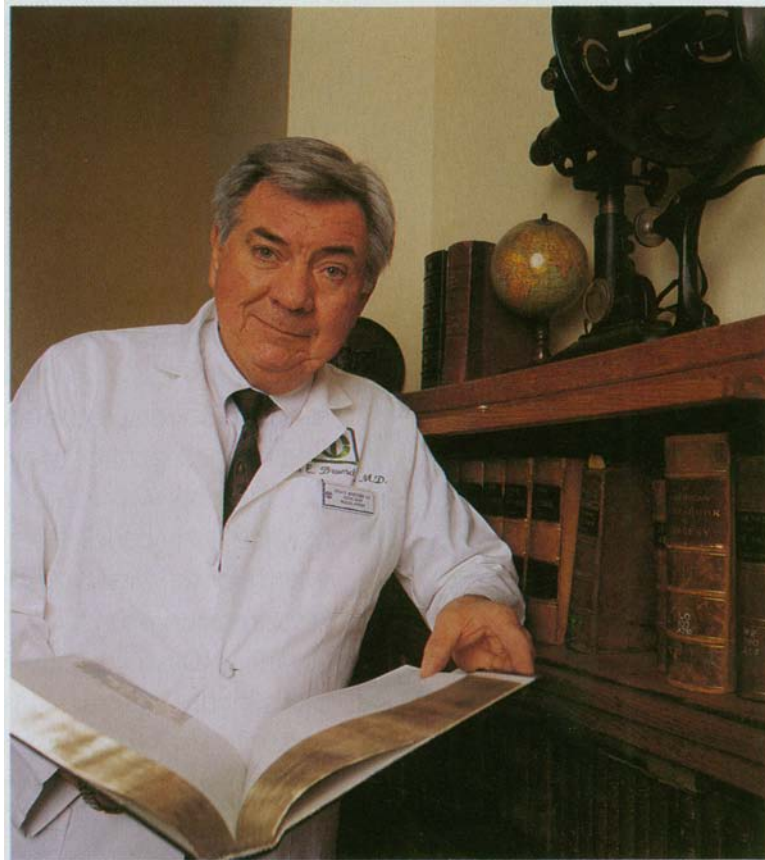


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When I completed medical school at Temple University (Philadelphia) in 1965, of course there was no residency program in family practice. I retrained in the specialty after serving as an air force physician during the Vietnam War. Since then, I've been at Rush-Presbyterian-St Luke's Medical Center in Chicago and served for 16 years as the first chairman of the family practice department.

I still see patients as part of my job of supervising medical students and residents. In our department, when we do grand rounds, the patient sits in on the session. We get to know that patient as a person rather than as a "42-year-old white female." That reinforces the idea that we're treating patients, not diseases.

Editor's Note

The ARCHIVES would like to have you in our "Family Album." Send your submissions c/o *Archives of Family Medicine*, 515 N State St, Chicago, IL 60610. We're interested in high-quality color slides of family physicians involved with their work, with their own families, and in other interesting settings. Be sure to include your name, address, and daytime telephone number.