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To earn credit, read the articles designated for CME credit carefully and mark your responses to the following questions on the Answer Card that appears in this issue. Then complete the CME Evaluation on the Answer Card and mail it to the address on the back of the card. Answers are provided elsewhere in this issue of *Archives of Family Medicine* (please refer to the Table of Contents) so that you can immediately assess your performance.

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CME EVALUATION

Our goal is to continually assess the educational needs of our readership for the purpose of enhancing the educational effectiveness of the *Archives of Family Medicine*. To achieve this goal, we need your help. You must complete the CME Evaluation on the Answer Card to receive credit. Participants are encouraged to reply within 2 months of the issue date, to facilitate the assessment of its educational value.

STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

The *Archives of Family Medicine* is devoted to strengthening the science, practice, and art of family medicine. Its emphasis is on original research that is clinically practical and academically sound. A flexible curriculum of article topics is developed annually by the journal's editorial board and is then supplemented throughout the year with information gained from readers, authors, reviewers, and editors.

Readers of the *Archives of Family Medicine* should be able to attain the following educational objectives: (1) use the latest information on diagnosis and treatment of diseases commonly seen in clinical practice to maximize patient health; (2) recognize uncommon illnesses that present with common symptoms to the family physician and treat or refer as appropriate; (3) use practical tools for health promotion and disease prevention; and (4) learn the clinical indications and adverse effects of pertinent new drugs or new uses for available drugs.



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