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The Society of General Internal Medicine Announces New Editors for the
Journal of General Internal Medicine

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The Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) is pleased to announce the five year appointment of Dr. Richard L. Kravitz, MD, MSPH and Dr. Mitchell D. Feldman, MD, MPhil as the next co-editors of the *Journal of General Internal Medicine (JGIM)*. JGIM is the official peer-reviewed scientific publication of SGIM. As such, JGIM promotes improved patient care, research, and education in primary care, general internal medicine, and hospital medicine. Its articles focus on topics such as clinical medicine, epidemiology, prevention, health care delivery, curriculum development and numerous other non-traditional themes, in addition to classic clinical research on problems in internal medicine.

Dr. Richard Kravitz is a general internist and health services researcher whose research focuses on the physician-patient relationship, physician behavior, and social influences on quality of care. He has examined the participation of physicians and nurses in strikes and work actions, the impact of the malpractice system on defensive medical practices, the effect of managed care on health services utilization and quality, and the influence of direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs on physician decision making. This research was honored in 2006 with Best Paper awards from both AcademyHealth and the Society of General Internal Medicine. Dr. Kravitz served as Director of the UC Davis Center for Health Services Research in Primary Care from 1996-2006 and is now Professor of Internal Medicine and co-Vice Chair for Research in the department. Dr. Kravitz has been an active member of SGIM for more than two decades, participating in abstract reviews for the annual scientific meeting nearly every year, serving as co-chair of the abstract selection committee in 1995, as chair of that committee in 2000, and functioning as Senior Co-Editor of the SGIM *Forum* from 2005-2008.

Dr. Mitchell Feldman is currently Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of California-San Francisco. He holds a number of leadership positions including being the first Director of the UCSF Faculty Mentoring Program, Co-Director, Mentoring Development Program of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (UCSF), Associate Director, "Health and Society" Pathway to Discovery Program in the School of Medicine and Expert Scientific Consultant for Health

Technology, Blue Shield of CA Foundation. Dr. Feldman's current research is focused on psychiatric and behavioral issues in medical patients. He is co-investigator on a multi-center clinical trial that is investigating the influence of patient requests on physician behavior in the detection and treatment of depression in medical patients. Dr. Feldman has been a member of SGIM for almost 20 years. He served as president of the California/Hawaii region from 2000-2003, chair of the Clinical Vignettes Review Committee in 2003, co-chair of the 2004 Annual Meeting (Chicago) and most recently as regional coordinator and ex-officio council member from 2004-2007.

The editorial office for *JGIM* will continue to be hosted at the Regenstrief Institute in Indianapolis, Indiana. A talented corps of approximately 30 deputy editors from across the country with diverse backgrounds and interests will maintain the quality and timeliness of manuscript reviews that authors have come to expect from *JGIM*. The vision for *JGIM* is "Service, Innovation, Impact. This vision reflects the overall mission of SGIM: to improve patient care, education and research in primary care and general internal medicine. *JGIM* will define what it is that makes GIM unique, its best practices and how this expertise is framed for others. The *JGIM* editorship is an exciting opportunity to promote and disseminate outstanding scholarship of discovery and integration in general internal medicine and to influence discourse on the role of primary care, internal medicine, and generalism.

The Society wishes to extend gratitude to Martha S. Gerrity, MD, PhD and William M. Tierney, MD, for the outstanding job they have done as the previous editors of *JGIM*. Drs. Tierney and Gerrity's five-year editorial tenure will end with the December 2009 issue of *JGIM*. Under their stewardship the Journal has expanded in a variety of content areas and the number of online downloads of *JGIM* articles has increased to over a million in 2007.

JGIM offers early publication on www.Springer.com to reach a broad audience, with online access to abstracts and full articles rapidly growing each year. *JGIM*'s impact factor has risen in parallel with its increasing number of high-quality submissions. Special supplements to *JGIM* provide state-of-the-art updates on key topics such as health literacy, women's health, medical education and reforming relationships in health care.

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SGIM is a member-based international association of almost 3,000 of the world's leading general internists, who are dedicated to improving access to care for vulnerable populations, eliminating health care disparities and enhancing medical education. The members of the Society advance the practice of medicine through their commitment to providing comprehensive, coordinated, and cost-effective care to adults, educating the next generation of outstanding physicians, and conducting cutting-edge research to improve quality of care and clinical outcomes of all patients.