



IN OR OUT?

I just received the latest edition of *Medicine at Michigan* and read the article on accountable care organizations. The article paints a somewhat rosy picture regarding ACOs. Of course nobody really knows what the future holds, but I find it ironic that in another article that came out today on D Healthcare Daily, they said that the University of Michigan would be opting out of the Pioneer ACO program.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The U-M's decision to opt out of the Pioneer ACO in order to participate in other ACOs was made several weeks subsequent to the printing of our last issue. Unfortunately, the spring/summer issue reached readers at roughly the same time the decision was made.

DOCTOR TALK

I liked the article and the quote about patients deserving a doctor who would sit down and talk to them.

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When I was chair of the Committee on Continuing Education of the National Institute of Mental Health, we gave grants for training in mental health to bartenders, mental hospital workers, and many others. One grant went to a group of general practice M.D.s in Oregon. I went to do a site visit and asked if the mental health training had made any difference in their practice.

"Yeah," one of them said, "I'm not making as much money now."

"How come?"

"I'm talking to my patients more."

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A MATTER OF TIME

The article re the Catherine Street Hospitals in the Spring/Summer 2013 issue of *Medicine at Michigan* is most interesting.

I do have one comment: the hospitals opened in December 1891 and the university "bragged in its publicity materials...the most perfect instruments for the use of x-rays..."

This could not have been written in 1891 since x-rays were not discovered by Wilhelm Roentgen until November 1895.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: We indeed missed the discrepancy and thank our readers for bringing it to our attention.

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FAMILY AFFAIR

On a Tuesday afternoon about 53 years ago I received a call. "What do you do about sunburn?" I judged the gentleman had used the usual over-the-counter medications. So I phoned in a script for him. Four days later he came in and gave me an order that I was to be the physician to treat his friends and family. His friend had an inflamed right eye. His brother had low back pain. His wife and daughters needed immunizations. He had a minor respiratory problem. All were treated by me.

The gentleman was Lyndon Johnson.
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