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For several years we have been working on reducing our mailing costs while improving the reliability of delivery to your mailboxes. In 2002, our former Editor-in-Chief John Clough wrote an editorial describing the purpose of the postcards that we periodically ask you to return to us, to request continued delivery of the *Journal*. When we demonstrate to the US Postal Service that more than 50% of our circulation is either paid for or requested by the recipient, we qualify for special "periodicals mailing privileges." This reduces our postal costs *and* provides you with more reliable delivery.

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On a personal note, as 2005 draws to a close, I'll take this opportunity on behalf of the entire *Journal* staff to thank you for your support, your returned postcards, your notes of appreciation, and your suggestions for topics. We hope we can continue to provide you with an ever-improving tool to help you better care for your patients.

We wish you and your families a healthy and happy 2006; and we share our more global hope for peace and tolerance.

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