



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Norman:

I recently visited the Hue Medical College, which provides medical education for physicians, nurses, and allied medical personnel for the central region of Vietnam as well as parts of Laos and Cambodia.

I visited the library and the shelves were quite empty. They would appreciate it very much if recent copies of Journals and textbooks could be sent to the library.

The address would be Medical Library, Hue Medical College, 06 Ngo Quyen, Hue, Vietnam.

Sincerely,  
James R. Langworthy, M.D.

Dear Jim,

*Mahalo for your letter to the Editor.*

*Sitting at my desk, I turned around and looked at my library shelves, and collected two stacks of books I thought the Hue Medical College Library could use. Some may be dated (Current Therapy 2000), but this collection still has a lot of good, basic information. I also culled the past two months issues of Skin & Allergy News, Dermatology World, and Dermatology Times as well as some of my monthly Journals, including the International Journal of Dermatology, The Archives of Dermatology, The Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, Skin & Aging, Cutis, Cosmetic Dermatology, and Practical Dermatology.*

*These publications should serve as the beginning of the Dermatology section of the Hue Medical Library.*

*Now, dear reader, why not send your no longer needed texts and Journals off to Viet Nam? According to Jim Langworthy, they really do need help augmenting their library. It may cost you a few dollars (there is no international book rate) but please do consider Jim's request.*

Norman Goldstein, M.D., Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Aloha Norm,

I wanted to thank you for the Mango Dermatitis article in the August HMJ. Ironically, we have two 100+ year old mango trees in our yard, and my two year old son got some mango sap on his cheek. It opened an ugly red lesion that had us worried for a while. It has now healed 80% and is just a little red mark.

Reading how prevalent it is in Hawaii was reassuring we were not alone.

Keep up the good work.

M.R., a grateful reader

Dear Norman,

I received the July issue of your HMJ and am writing to both thank you and compliment you on a very nice journal. As you know, I suggested to Tom Kosasa that the HMJ be made a benefit of membership in the PPSA; I do think it would be an added attraction. Presuming that you agree, I think we should publicize that you would have the first right of refusal for all presentations at the biannual meeting. Perhaps you could request that you be handed a copy at the time of presentation.

On another note, I enjoyed your editorial on Osler. One of my avocations is the history of medicine. I don't know if you have ever read the Flexner Report. I have a copy and found it a fascinating read. You referred to some of Flexner's recommendations in your 3 bullets under, "...a new era of American medicine began:" As you probably know, Flexner visited something like 120 medical schools, many of which had essentially no entrance requirements, no laboratories, not even anatomy labs etc. etc... He concluded that John Hopkins was an excellent model for what a medical school should be.

I interned at Philadelphia General Hospital shortly after Osler was there and your editorial reminded me of a beautiful painting of him lecturing students there on the lawn.

Thank you again for that issue; I look forward to future copies.

With warm regards,  
Jerome Goldstein, M.D.

Dear Dr. Goldstein,

I was delighted on my return from vacation this week, to find a copy of the Hawaii Medical Journal with your excellent editorial complementing my paper on Osler. You ably filled in the history of this man who has so much influenced modern medicine. I am very grateful.

I am, of course, also pleased that you published my piece. I hope to continue furnishing you with other topics of interest.

With a sincere Mahalo,  
R.S. Weeder, M.D.