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After 5 years in the role, this will be my last issue of *Clinical Medicine* as editor-in-chief. I handed over the reins to Dr Paul Grant, endocrinologist and general physician in Brighton, at the beginning of this year with a mixture of relief and regret.

It has been a huge pleasure and privilege to edit *Clinical Medicine*, a journal in many ways unique, functioning as a journal of record on college matters, as a medium for original work from clinical research to hospital services, as a provider of continuing medical education and for wide-ranging editorial comment. Surveys of opinion among members and fellows emphasise that it is among the most valued of the

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