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## A Letter to Our Readers

*A farewell from Editor-in-Chief Ron Walls.*

Dear Readers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful and memorable holiday, surrounded by loved ones. The New Year often brings change, and this year brings a very big change for me. On January 1, 2015, I began a new role as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Brigham and Women's Healthcare, the hospital for which I have served as Chair of Emergency Medicine for over 21 years. I am very excited by this new opportunity, but sadly it will require me to turn the page on some of my most wonderful and fulfilling activities, including my duties as Editor-in-Chief of *NEJM Journal Watch Emergency Medicine*. Richard Zane, Professor and Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Colorado and the long-time Deputy Editor of *NEJM Journal Watch Emergency Medicine*, has graciously agreed to serve as interim Editor-in-Chief while a search is done for my successor. *NEJM Journal Watch Emergency Medicine* is in great hands with Rich, our stellar editorial board, and our outstanding and long-serving executive editor, Cara Adler. I want to thank Cara and the editors for their service, their partnership, their friendship, and their single-minded commitment to our mission of bringing medical science to our readers in a digestible and clinically relevant format.

Most of all, though I wish to thank each of you, our readers, for your support of *NEJM Journal Watch Emergency Medicine* and for your dedication to your patients, whose care has always informed our mission. I hope you have enjoyed and learned from our 15-plus years of work and you will continue to see *NEJM Journal Watch Emergency Medicine* as an essential part of your clinical routine.

With humble thanks for the opportunity,

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