

APPRECIATION OF DR. M. BOYD'S ARTICLE "BACK TO THE FUTURE." J SOC OBSTET GYNAECOL CAN 1997;19;6(2):664-8.

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for your recent article and review of some historical aspects of the practice of obstetrics and gynaecology in the Journal of the SOGC, May 1997. It brought certain perspective to the importance of the achievements by obstetricians and gynaecologists in the last century.

Unfortunately, as individuals and as a group we often focus on what we haven't been able to do or prevent, instead of the remarkable differences we have made. It is always important to look forward; to sustain the continued development of maternal fetal care but it as equally important to look back and see where we've been and have a sense of pride in the major accomplishments thus far.

In a time where we often find ourselves overworked and perhaps undervalued, your article brought to me a sense of spirituality that I haven't felt since I delivered my first mother and child.

I hope it inspired many more of my colleagues to remember that mixture of excitement, accomplishment and sheer terror that accompanied our first delivery and initially drove us to seek the practice of obstetrics and gynaecology. There has been many a day in the recent past that I had forgotten this!

Thanks again. I'm reasonably sure I'll make it through the weeks to come, one delivery at a time.

Yours sincerely,

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