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# from the executive editor

Our authors have contributed excellent information in this issue of *Carle Selected Papers* that is not only interesting but applicable to clinical practice. For example, although Dr. Holley's discussion of palliative care is based on end-stage renal disease, the principles of such care are universal in their application. Additionally, our two papers on acute stroke include a detailed discussion of imaging techniques in neuroradiology and their interpretation, and the bedside management of acute cerebral ischemia.

Drs. Sovari and Kocheril provide readers a comprehensive discussion of the pharmacologic management of atrial fibrillation. Drs. Graham and Stratton present a review of the basic biology of prostate cancer and cell markers associated with that condition, as well as their potential role in diagnosis and future treatment of that cancer.

Faith Roberts, RN, explains the attitudes of various age groups of patients toward their physicians and healthcare. These attitudes have a striking similarity to those in her previous publications in this journal about the behavior of similar age groups of workers in the healthcare field.

We also include an article on assessing the safety of the elderly driver, and if one looks online, there are complete books written on this subject. It is a matter of the physician's conscience whether s/he reports an impaired driver to the Secretary of State. The dual concern here is the safety of the driver and the community. In Illinois, we do not have to be concerned about liability for filing such a report as pointed out in these citations from the Illinois Driver's Licensing Law. The specific words that we have underlined refer to medical practitioners.

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We hope you will find this issue of *Carle Selected Papers* both interesting and useful. As always, we welcome your suggestions about subjects that might be included in future issues. And of course we invite you to submit papers which you feel are appropriate for our journal.

Finally, please be sure to take advantage of the free CME credit available for reading this journal.

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