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Editor's note

This issue on Disability Evaluation covers a topic that has recently been met with some controversy. It is guest edited by Leonard Emond, MD, past president of the American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians (AADEP).

The papers presented here represent distinct schools of thought with regard to disability evaluation that you may find are very different from your own. We believe the articles cover areas of controversy and disagreement among practitioners in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation. However, it is this controversy that compelled us to present this issue to you. The purpose is not to promote the particular schools of thought presented, but to illustrate the various theories present today that fall under the category of disability evaluation and to generate dis-

ussion and debate on the topic from you, our readers.

With this in mind, we would like these issues of the Journal to act as an open forum on the topic of disability evaluation. We encourage you to present the editors and authors with your viewpoints in this area, whether in the form of a letter to the editor, commentary, or point/counterpoint. Future issues of the Journal will then present 'the other sides' of this controversial topic. We hope that by doing this, a valuable educational tool will result — one that generates appropriate discussion on an area of controversy in our field.

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