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Welcome to another issue of the Michigan Journal of Public Health! We are very pleased to begin this issue with a **Guest Editorial** on H1N1 and Michigan.

We also debut our new submission category **Notes from the Field**. Two **Notes** contributions complement each other by illustrating a community health initiative on colon health. A third **Notes** describes an alcohol prevention program.

The **Research and Practice** article provides additional perspective on alcohol issues, specifically an intervention to prevent fetal alcohol syndrome.

The Michigan Journal of Public Health is launching an occasional series entitled “**State of Affairs**.” Each article will assess the state of practice and research within an issue area. Members of the Editorial Board and interested members of MPHA may volunteer to champion each issue area by selecting and interviewing a panel of national and state experts and posing a set of questions regarding regular practice, emerging practices and current research pertaining to that issue area. The responses from the panel will be drafted into a conversational article and published in an issue of MJPH. **State of Affairs** seeks to capture recent knowledge and the state of affairs within specific topic areas of public health and the public health system as these topics are manifested in Michigan & the Great Lakes region.

The ultimate purpose is to provide a better understanding and jump start dialog for public health practitioners and researchers concerning topics that are beyond their immediate interest area but affect the public's health. We introduce our series on **State of Affairs** with an early fall of 2009 standpoint on the H1N1 pandemic from cross-border and local public health perspectives.

Lastly, I am standing down as the Editor of *MJPH* at the end of this calendar year. We will elect a new Editor, to be announced to the MPHA membership in January 2010. My five year run has been a tremendous learning experience and affirmation of faith in our vibrant world of local, state and academic public health in Michigan!

As always you may e-mail your comments, feedback and letters to me at clinegr@gvsu.edu.

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