



CUTTING UP

Some may consider me *olde* fashioned. I may be resisting involvement in the evolution of the English language, albeit I am bothered by the misuse and abuse of a single word in our vocabulary ... surgery. The word surgery refers to the division of medical practice involving performance of a procedure called an operation ("The Greatest Gift," fall 2009). Examples of appropriate use would be: Some physicians practice medicine and some physicians practice surgery. Surgeons perform operations, not surgery. Operations are performed in operating rooms, not in surgery. When I have my operation, I desire to have it performed by a surgeon who is practicing surgery and who performs operations in an operating room. I do not desire to have my surgery performed by a surgeon who performs surgeries in surgery.

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Ink and Paper Matters

WE THANK THE MANY READERS WHO RESPONDED TO OUR recent survey. The results are still being tabulated, and we will share the highlights with you in the summer edition.

A number of survey responders questioned the paper and ink that we use. Since its redesign in spring 2008, *Medicine at Michigan* has been printed on recycled paper containing 10 percent post-consumer waste. With this issue, we have changed to a paper of reasonably close quality, at an overall savings of 11 percent to our production budget. It, too, contains 10 percent post-consumer waste. The soy- and vegetable oil-based inks we use are 91 percent free of volatile organic compounds.

We appreciate and share readers' concerns about environmental and other resources and want to assure you that they are important considerations in the production of *Medicine at Michigan*.

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PEER PRAISE

I picked up a copy of your fall issue at the CASE V conference in Chicago this past December. What a great magazine, not only for layout but also the content. The stories are relevant and easy to understand whether one has a medical background or not. I shared the magazine with others in my department and now we'd like to be added to your mailing list for future issues.

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Corrections

On page 12 of the fall 2009 issue, we cite the completion of Joseph Kolars' U-M fellowship as 1980; the correct year is 1989. On page 15, we placed McGill University in Toronto; it is, of course, in Montreal. Our apologies.

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