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### FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

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Alabaster, oyster white or gypsum? Favorite jeans, revere blue or down pour? For many DIYers, choosing a paint color for a room or house can feel downright daunting. In deciding on a shade of white or blue, experts advise painting a swatch in the actual space because the way that light illuminates a space affects one's perception of its "true" color.

Such advice is aptly applied to the celebration, in September 2024, of the 25th anniversary of the *AMA Journal of Ethics* and its predecessors.<sup>1</sup> From its beginning as an ethics section within *msJAMA*, the *AMA Journal of Ethics* has grown into a distinct, editorially independent, peer-reviewed publication that has striven to publish content—much offered with continuing education credit—that sheds light on **topics of ethical relevance** and importance in health and health care. In each monthly issue, which is freely available to all, cross-disciplinary experts, scholars, and artists aim to illuminate complex questions and ideas often overlooked in traditional ethics curricula. Take, for example, **this month's issue**, which examines, through insightful commentaries, engaging podcasts, and provocative artwork, *What do good science and ethics require of human-centered research using nonhuman animals?*

In motivating the journal's long-standing mission to "illuminate the art of medicine," we see it as our ongoing editorial responsibility to help readers and listeners gain a deeper appreciation and truer understanding of ethics in the often fraught and complicated enterprise of caring for patients and the public. Given the climate of social and **political polarization** and rampant misinformation and disinformation in which health care is practiced today, the *AMA Journal of Ethics'* illumination of the shades of ethics is needed more than ever—and may it continue to be a source of insights to make health care better.

Let there be light.

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