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In each issue of *Trends* the editors are pleased to announce that a new series of contributions by V. Cecil Wright, MD, FRCS(C), FACOG will appear in this and future editions. Dr. Wright is a gynecologic oncologist and now Professor Emeritus from the department at the University of Western Ontario. He has made many major contributions to the literature and many significant contributions in the field of colposcopy. He has developed many CDs and atlases on diseases of the cervix, vulva, and vagina, and received a Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award from the ASCCP.

Dr. Wright has been a frequent participant in numerous continuing medical education events in North America and around the world. Dr. Kenneth Hatch and I enjoyed working with him at the 2001 Bethesda Consensus conference on Premalignant Disease of the Cervix and, therefore, are excited to have him present some of his cervical photographs and files for us here. We are going to call this part of *Trends* the "Master Colposcopy" section and we expect that it will be a popular area for review and continuing education for many of us during the next year. Look for additional articles in subsequent editions of *Trends in Cervical Health*.

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Dr. Thomas F. Purdon is a recent past-president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), as well as past-president of the advocacy group Ob-Gyns for Women's Health. He was previously on the governing board for the Jacobs Institute for Women's Health. His research contributions have been in the areas of hormone therapy, estrogen therapy in surgically induced menopausal women, and dysfunctional uterine bleeding for the Surgical Treatment Outcomes Project. Special interest areas include management of abnormal uterine bleeding, hysteroscopy, and endometrial ablation. Dr. Purdon was an ACOG representative to the 2001 ASCCP Consensus Guidelines Conference held in Bethesda, Maryland.

Given his life-long commitment to improving health outcomes for women, Dr. Purdon speaks frequently to the national medical community on the management of abnormal uterine bleeding, risk assessment strategies for breast cancer, and the continuing controversy over hormone therapy. He also serves as a consultant for United Community Health Centers, a community-based group of primary care clinics in southern Arizona that serves women of all socioeconomic levels.

Dr. Purdon was recently chosen as one of the "Best Doctors in Tucson," 2005-2006, by Best Doctors, Inc. and as published in *Tucson Lifestyle* magazine, and Best Doctors in America 2007-2008. He is frequently asked to speak and conduct surgical teaching sessions on endometrial ablation in the United States as well as in Mexico and Central and South America.

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