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Reflecting on the past to build the future

In this issue of our journal, I invite you to enhance your knowledge and understanding of the diagnostic modalities used in acute leukemia. Optical genome mapping will be described, highlighting both its benefits and drawbacks. Despite the technological advancements, the reasons that make rapid karyotyping the frontline diagnostic choice will also be outlined.

The second article focuses on the importance and benefits of synoptic reporting in improving disease staging and patient care from a pathologist's perspective, as well as the journey toward implementing this tool to promote efficient, clear, and consistent communication.

This brings us to the final article, which offers a historical perspective on the development of the Ontario Association of Pathologists. It explores how the Association was formed, the key pathologists involved, and the early decisions that shaped its foundation. We are further reminded of how the actions, decisions, and dedication of individuals can have profound and lasting positive effects on the future of a specialty.

The unifying theme of these articles is the commitment to improving patient care, improving diagnostic practices, and fostering clear and consistent communication among pathologists, clinicians, and patients. They provide a reflection on the tremendous work and organization that have brought us to where we are today. At the same time, I hope this issue will provide inspiration for the possibilities that await. Pathology is always expanding, evolving, and striving to enhance disease understanding, diagnostic possibilities, and patient care.

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