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One Health = One Great Issue!

On behalf of my One Health Initiative (OHI) Autonomous pro bono team colleagues Bruce Kaplan, DVM, Thomas P. Monath, MD, Jack Woodall, PhD, Lisa A. Conti, DVM, MPH and myself, we greatly appreciate your visionary May/June 13 issue of *Missouri Medicine* on One Medicine [commonly referred to as One Health]. Drs. Kaplan (a veterinarian), Monath (a physician), Woodall (a biomedical research scientist), Conti (a veterinarian) and I manage the One Health Initiative website www.onehealthinitiative.com, designed to promote and distribute all pertinent U.S. and worldwide One Health information, publications, and upcoming events. This issue and articles from *Missouri Medicine* were posted on our website in our publications section.

"The One Health concept is a worldwide strategy for expanding interdisciplinary collaborations and communications in all aspects of health care for humans, animals and the environment. The synergism achieved will advance health care for the 21st century and beyond by accelerating biomedical research discoveries, enhancing public health efficacy, expeditiously expanding the scientific

knowledge base, and improving medical education and clinical care. When properly implemented, it will help protect and save untold millions of lives in our present and future generations."

A recent publication by the OHI team essentially demonstrates the crucial importance and exponential expansion of the One Health international movement over the past several years www.solutions-site.org/node/875.

Physicians, veterinarians and all health scientists should join forces in a "call to arms" for implementing One Health for the sake of human and animal welfare now and for civilization's posterity. Indeed, there is an obvious critical need for One Health!

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- Peter C. Boylan, MD, 77, Prairie Village, KS, Orthopedic Surgery, April 20, 2013
- J. Richard Green, MD, 95, Independence, MO, General Surgery, March 14, 2013
- Hugh G. Harris, MD, 75, Lebanon, MO, Orthopedic Surgery, March, 23, 2013
- Warren M. Lonergan, MD, 97, St. Louis, MO, Internal Medicine, February 26, 2013
- Ira C. Gall, MD, 84, St. Louis, MO, Obstetrics & Gynecology, March 29, 2013
- Charles H. Nicolai, MD, 91, St. Louis, MO, Urology, May 31, 2013
- George Sato, MD, 90, St. Louis, MO, Pediatrics, February 5, 2013
- David L. Straub, MD, 72, Joplin, MO, Allergy & Immunology, July 5, 2013
- John B. Summers, MD, 90, St. Louis, MO, Pediatrics, June 12, 2013
- Mary Lou W. Thomasson, MD, 86, St. Louis, MO, Radiology, February 20, 2013
- Sharon E. Waggoner, MD, 91, St. Joseph, MO, Family Practice, March 15, 2013
- Francis S. Walker, MD, 86, St. Louis, MO, Neurological Surgery, March 30, 2013



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