The National Cancer Institute has recently published a monograph in which are compiled the 74 editorials featured in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute since 1971. The series was originally conceived by Dr. Mearl Stanton, then the Editor in Chief, and the members of his Editorial Board as a means of highlighting current work in the cancer field and, also, of providing a forum for certain reflections about the cancer problem that might not otherwise come to the attention of the community of cancer researchers. The editorials, categorized first as either human or laboratory studies, have been arranged by date of original publication within sixteen more narrowly defined categories. The following fields of investigation are covered within “Human Studies”: epidemiology, chemical and physical carcinogenesis, drugs and hormones, carcinogenesis and microbiological agents, lung cancer, large bowel cancer, and treatment. Under “Laboratory Studies” are included topics such as the nature of cancer, cancer biology, chemical and physical carcinogenesis, immunobiology, immunodiagnosis of cancer, immunotherapy, tumor virology, and pathological aspects of cancer. It should be noted that these editorials have been updated, wherever possible, by the attachment of a short addendum; these additions to the original publications are extremely valuable in that they cite the latest work of other investigators, rectify omissions or errors, and, in particular, offer new and interesting insights. According to Dr. Bailar, the primary purpose of the volume is “to facilitate reference to a wide spectrum of broad views, or a broad spectrum of wide views, that have been cited in many other publications and, for the most part, continue to be of lively interest.” The editorials are also of value as “documentation of our rapid progress over a very short time; as a composite record, by leaders in the field, of the reasoning behind many newly developed concepts; and as material for a history of the war against cancer.”