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Dear Myron,

Thank you very much for your kind words. The session was painful, and one never knows how to react to such an impassioned intrusion. We are still trying to get ECT accepted, not only by the laity, but also by our peers. Despite the two APA Task Force reports, the NIH Consensus statement, and endorsement by the AMA, ECT remains a stepchild in many training programs and in most State, V.A., Federal, and municipal hospitals.

As I continue to give courses, I have noticed that the audience is changing. A few years ago, most auditors were 'old-timers', men and women who had been doing ECT for some time. In the past few years, the auditors have become younger; many are recent graduates in psychiatry who have gone into the community to practice and have found their training deficient. These students are a delight to teach.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Editor