

In the early years, only patients with advanced cancer were accepted; but by 1997 patients with stroke, dementia and other organic disorders, no longer amenable to therapy, were being accepted.

Stanley M. Aronson, MD, one of its founders, later said: "Help one struggling person to reach some peace of mind, even for a few fleeting days, and you will have enriched the world."



1980s

Dr. Richard A. Carleton started **The Pawtucket Heart Health Program** on August 1, 1980, a research program funded by the NIH, to "induce behavioral change in entire popula-

tions" to reduce cardiovascular disease.

In August 1987, RIMJ reported that **The Miriam Hospital** had appointed **Charles C.J. Carpenter, MD**, physician-in-chief, previously Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. It noted he was a prominent international figure in the study of the pathophysiology of enteric infections.

The AIDS Epidemic was the subject of many articles in this decade. The January 1987 issue focused on AIDS and the blood supply, prevention, clinical manifestations and public health strategies.

1990s

The July 1992 issue focused on women's health. **Joanne F. Liutkus, MSW, MD**, and **Karen Rosene Montella, MD**, wrote: "Women's health is in vogue as a "new" specialty in medicine. Why is this happening now? The history of women's health care has been one of neglect and indifference by

the traditional medical and funding establishments...Two separate but related themes have been present throughout this history: women striving for positions of power as doctors and nurses, and women striving for power over their bodies and health care choices."

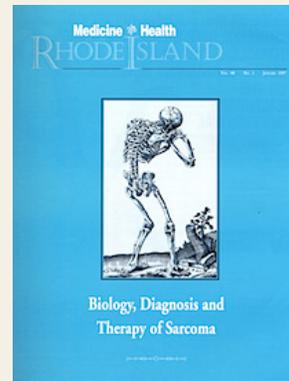
The VA Computerized Patient Record

System (CPRS) was launched in 1995 by the VA that included better use of information technology, measurement and reporting of performance, and integration of services; it was implemented nationally throughout the VHA in 1999, including at the **Providence VA Medical Center**.

2000: The Millennium

In July 2003, **Robert Woolard, MD**, prepared two issues on **disaster preparedness**. He wrote: "After 9/11/01, physicians, health care workers, public officials and the public at large want to know whether we are prepared for other foreseeable terror-related disasters. This issue describes many of the pre-hospital and emergency medicine efforts that have made us prepared in RI. Many of these efforts will continue into the next few years. No doubt we are better prepared than before 9/11/01

and will be even better prepared over the next two years as an anticipated \$11,000,000 flows into R.I. from Homeland Security and other sources."



2010-Present

Elaine C. Jones, MD, wrote a commentary on the **2010 Health Care Reform Act** and stated, "Dramatic changes are being proposed in health care delivery in the United States and the main driver is reducing costs. Numbers can be debated, but everyone understands that the rising cost of health care cannot

be maintained. What people can't agree on is how to make changes that will contain cost while maintaining quality."

Philip A. Gruppuso, MD, wrote in an issue on medical education that on April 26, 2010, a groundbreaking ceremony celebrated the start of construction that will culminate in the opening of a new **Alpert Medical School** building in August 2011. "This project will represent the first dedicated space for Brown's medical school since its founding thirty-five years ago. The facility is being constructed within an existing building at 222 Richmond Street in Providence's Jewelry District."

