

Re: 10 years after

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In article <[f9ru85\\$92k\\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:f9ru85$92k$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>, "oN" <dixie@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

This NG has changed face?
Maybe we can make some list of old members?
Joel was No1 (in No of posts ;)

All the best,
Proka

Ten years after the publication of a book that came from Usenet's sci.med.dentistry and alt.support.jaw-disorders ... it can't hurt to revisit a couple of pages,

From "The TMJ Iatroepidemic", published 1997 (ten years ago).

First, from page 11:

"Something miraculous happened in early 1994. I began to read more and more about the coming of the Information Superhighway. Of course, I had no idea what that even was, but it sounded fascinating. I had an immediate sense of encouragement that this new computer information resource would lead me where I needed to go. That was three years ago. Three years is not very long in real time. But in cyberspace, the clocks tick differently. Three years cybertime is like an eternity. Three years is like stepping back an entire century. Cybertime is our new time. The impact of the internet upon the development of medical knowledge proved to be our newest unknown. Cyberspace, the internet, Usenet... what does this technology have to do with the cause of iatroepidemics?"

Second, from page 31:

From: Webby & Chang
RE: Leaving Cyberspace, 1997

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To: The public
Distribution: Worldwide

There wasn't any way to prepare ourselves back in 1994 for the impact of the journey we have just completed. It was with deep hope for the good of medicine, dentistry, and humanity that we ventured into the unknown of the internet. We went to observe, participate, and with the committment [sic] to ultimately emerge with something that would provide patients and professionals alike with a fresh look at the TMJ crisis. Whether or not the features of an iatroepidemic could be gleaned from the content of thousands upon thousands of subject lines discussed during the expedition was our final challenge. Even though we had taken responsibility for introducing most of the TMJ-related topics, we could not control the natural course of the newsgroup. Who would subscribe? Who would participate and with what attitudes was simply beyond our ability to predict. For nearly three years we took everything hour by hour and one day at a time."

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Only two people **\*\*know\*\*** the technical complexity that was the undertaking of the project to put together "that book". But a lot of people appreciate that smd "grew" as a result of "the TMJ wars" ... and as much as the medicine was bitter; the treatment was worth the agony.

Many of us have learned what it means to be "a family" (thanks, Vaughn, for the reminder) in a newsgroup. For those who don't yet appreciate what that means, all I can say is that you don't know what you're missing...

(Who are those guys anyway???) ;—)

Webby

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