I was always a sucker for a sequel. I couldn’t wait for the next Star Wars installment or the next Godfather movie. Was Luke going to turn to the dark side? Was the Corleone family ever going to go “legit”? I couldn’t wait to find out. But let’s be honest, nothing beats the original. There is something about the original version or edition of a movie franchise that introduces us to a new world, character, or experience that is interesting or exciting. That’s when you get to know the characters, setting, or a “galaxy far far away” for the first time. As part of SGIM’s 40th-anniversary efforts, this month’s Forum introduces “Flashback 40,” a new feature in which we search the Forum vaults and dust off old (historic) articles written during the last 40 years and either ask the author or other SGIM member to write an update or follow up. The criteria include whether or not the piece covered an issue of historic significance; discussed a recurring problem concerning health care relevant to SGIM; or was simply a great read by one of our talented members.

Generalist superstar Kurt Kroenke, the source of this month’s Flashback 40, presciently wrote about provider burnout well before it became a “thing.” Kurt served as SGIM president from 2002-2003. He is best known for his work in introducing the concept of primary care providers screening and treating depression in their practices. His follow-up sums up where we have gone in the area of provider burnout and where we must still go.

I ask those of you who have written Forum articles to dig up your old manuscripts and look at them through 2017 eyes. Was it innovative then? Is it relevant now? What have we learned and what are we still doing wrong? Everyone else, if you remember a Forum piece that stands out in your mind ask yourself whether or not it’s worth a sequel. E-mail the reference or copy of the original article to me (editor.sgimforum2017@gmail.com) and suggest someone (its original author or another individual) to write the follow up.

Of course, SGIM is more than learning from the past. We have lots of new and innovative articles in this issue that are sure to become Forum classics: Controversies about medication interactions when you order the flu vaccine; reflections on dealing with chronic pain and addictions; and a practical approach to peer mentoring. In addition, President Tom Gallagher reminds us that perfection can be the enemy of good or at least self improvement. Finally, the ever-popular Morning Report feature deals with cations and tongues.