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Brian S. Alper, MD, MSPH is the founder and Editor-in-Chief of DynaMed and the Medical Director of Clinical Reference Products at EBSCO Publishing. As a medical student Alper realized he could not possibly memorize sufficient medical information to support practice so he began organizing what he was learning electronically. Dr. Alper discovered that his organized information was more useful than textbooks or existing resources used during clinical rotations. During a rotation in rural practice in Eastern Tennessee, Alper saw his disease summary notes making real differences in diagnosis and treatment every day. At this point, the notes weren't in a sophisticated system but he realized that clinicians needed this kind of resource and has been working to serve this need ever since. As a result, Alper created DynaMed, (Dynamic Medical Information System), a clinical reference tool to provide the most useful information to health care professionals at the point of care, and he created a systematic way to monitor current literature and continuously update DynaMed based on the best available evidence.

Dr. Alper has completed residency and fellowship training in family medicine, and served as faculty at University of Missouri-Columbia. He has conducted original research and systematic reviews and taught evidence-based medicine to medical students, residents, fellows and faculty. He has presented numerous lectures and workshops at educational programs, hospitals and national and regional professional meetings and has served as the Co-Chair of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Group on Evidence-Based Medicine.

In mid-2005, DynaMed became a member of the EBSCO Publishing family. Dr. Alper saw this union as the best way to continue the DynaMed mission of providing the most useful information to health care professionals at the point of care. As part of EBSCO Publishing, DynaMed will continue to grow, improve and provide the best available evidence updated daily for the DynaMed Community. Dr. Alper is now also medical director for the clinical reference and consumer health products of EBSCO Publishing.