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**It is my privilege to write the CPD editorial for this issue and I hope that you will enjoy this issue as much as I did. Being the publisher of eight other South African peer reviewed journals, comprising 50 journal editions per annum, doesn't always allow me time to read every article every time.**

When I do get the opportunity to read an entire issue, I am always impressed with the diversity of the topics, the quality of the submissions and I get very excited about the prospects of improved patient care that any *SA Family Practice* reader can initiate and maintain.

It requires a very dedicated team, however, to put a journal like *SA Family Practice* together and I hope you will excuse my indulgence in thanking a number of people in this editorial.

Putting it very simply, it takes a minimum of 21 weeks to peer review an original research paper; from submission, editorial screening, peer review by two independent reviewers, revisions by authors, copyediting and producing approved galley proofs.

*SA Family Practice* now publishes an average of seven original research papers on family practice and has a pipeline of articles, ready for publication, for more than a year in advance. Our online submissions office has made an enormous impact on the ability to peer review original research papers quickly.

Establishing the online "machinery" and working very hard to build this pipeline of ever increasing quality of papers can be attributed entirely to Pierre de Villiers who has spent a lot of personal time, energy and funds in this endeavour. I want to thank Pierre for his vision and dedication and for making *SA Family Practice* a worthwhile read for all academic and practising family physicians and practitioners. I also want to thank all the authors and reviewers who have submitted and reviewed papers for *SA Family Practice*.

The second person whom I would like to thank is our CPD Editor, Gboyega Ogunbanjo. Establishing a CPD section of this quality requires a special kind of networking and dedication. It also takes just

as long to get CPD articles peer reviewed and it takes an enormous effort to set up editorial plans, invite distinguished specialists to write the articles and to ensure that we have a balanced and educational CPD programme in each issue.

Thirdly, I would like to thank all our pharmaceutical advertisers for supporting our truly South African journal. With a vibrant readership and key South African opinion leaders contributing to our journal, *SA Family Practice* remains an excellent choice for promoting and branding your products. True South African journals have official readerships of professional societies, they are edited and authored by South African experts and do not merely reprint international articles. We value your advertising support that affords us to put key opinion leaders on paper and to publish local disease awareness campaigns.

The fourth group of people that I would like to thank is the production team – Helen Terrington our title operations coordinator, Ilze Garnett-Bennett the graphic designer, *The Stellenbosch Language Centre* and Libby Retief our copyeditors, Caryl de Meillon our distribution manager and Neville Wiggins and Anand Subramoney at *Intrepid Printers*.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, our reader, for subscribing to and reading *SA Family Practice*, for your suggestions and feedback and participation in our CPD programmes. *SA Family Practice* can only exist if there is a vibrant readership and we are grateful for your enthusiasm and overwhelmingly positive response to *SA Family Practice*.

*SA Family Practice* remains the only truly South African, peer reviewed journal that is focussed on the family practitioner.

I hope you will find time to enjoy this edition!

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