

South African Family Practice incorporating *Geneeskunde!*

Two proud publications are joining forces this month. *South African Family Practice*, the official mouthpiece of the South African Academy of Family Practice/Primary Care (Academy) have merged with *Geneeskunde – The Medicine Journal*, to form ***South African Family Practice incorporating Geneeskunde (SAFP/G)***, the first truly comprehensive professional journal for the generalist medical practitioner in South Africa.

SAFP/G is committed to serve its readers: the South African general practitioner/ family physician, community service doctor, intern and medical student. There was a clear need for a generalist medical journal that combines state of the art updates on clinical topics with the very latest and most relevant research from primary care. SAFP/G brings this, in addition to organisational and industry news and provides opportunity for interaction of ideas in its forum articles and letters section. The needs of the rural practitioner are also served in particular in the “Rural Health Initiative” (RHI) section. On top of all this the reader can earn CPD points on every issue.

The SAFP/G aims to be a scholarly journal of the highest international standards. Our editorial board consists of the very best academics and practitioners South Africa can muster in family practice, and includes two leading international experts to add to our commitment to excellence.

In original research we aim to attract high quality and relevant reports, not only from family practice academics and researchers, but also from researchers in other disciplines appropriate to primary care. All research will be peer reviewed according to the highest international standards of practice.

In reviews we aim to publish quality reviews written by national and international experts. All reviews will be peer reviewed by experts and family practitioners not only to ensure that the facts are correct and up-to-date, but also that the content meets the needs of the general practitioner/family physician, community service doctor, intern or medical student.

The South African Family Practice (SAFP) has a proud tradition of serving the membership of Academy and general practitioners over the past 22 years. It provided a mouthpiece for the Academy, a forum for interaction for practitioners and actively promoted the discipline of family practice through the publication of clinical reviews and original research. The quality of its research publications led to its current accreditation with the national Department of Education for research subsidy. In 1999 the SAFP also became the mouthpiece of FaMEC, the consortium of the 8 university departments of family medicine.

Tussen die ***SA Family Practice*** waarby ingelyf ***Geneeskunde*** se voor- en agterblad is twee volwaardige, en bekende, Suid-Afrikaanse mediese tydskrifte vervat met inhoud wat geen eweknie in Suid-Afrika sal hê nie.

Die titel *Geneeskunde* is in 1957 gestig deur die, voormalige en wyle, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Geneeskunde, Universiteit Pretoria, Prof. H.W. Snyman. Sedertdien het die tydskrif aan talle van Suid-Afrika se navorsers en lesers die geleentheid gebied om hul navorsingsuitsette in Afrikaans en Engels te publiseer. Hierdie tradisie word nou voortgesit in SAFP/G en bied gulde geleenthede vir al 11 landstaalsprekers in die huidige taalpolitieke bestel.

Ons nooi u graag hartlik uit om kommentaar, voorstelle en bydraes te stuur vir ***SAFP/G***. Dring aan op die tydskrif, word 'n lid van die Akademie en neem deel aan die VPO van die amptelike mondstuk van algemene praktisyns in Suid-Afrika!

We wish to invite you to send us your feedback and contributions. Make a point of reading SAFP/G, join the Academy to make sure you receive a regular free copy, and participate in our CPD program. This way you can truly become part of the wider family of generalist medical practitioners in South Africa!

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