

JOSEPH LEVENSTEIN

This issue of SA Family Practice is in honour of Joseph Levenstein. No, he is not dead! On the contrary he was very much his usual self as an invited guest at the 9th Family Practitioners' Congress in Cape Town recently.

The Academy Council decided some time ago to devote an issue of SA Family Practice to recognise the contribution that Joe has made to the discipline of family medicine in South Africa and further afield.

To this end we have a contribution from Ian McWhinney who assisted Joe to formalise his work on patient-centredness and thereby introduce it to the world stage. His brother, Stanley, contributes an article on the theme of patient-centredness giving a broad historical perspective to the concept. His uncle, Basil Jaffe contributes an historical article about John Stevens, an old school friend from

Kokstad, who made a major contribution to the discipline working in the UK. The contributions are rounded off with an interview by Chris Ellis, and lastly some biographical notes about Joe by myself.

Essential CME deals with

Gastroenteritis this month. This is the third issue in which we have included new sections to the Journal within our new design.

We hope you will enjoy reading this issue of SA Family Practice and that it will inspire each one of us to make a contribution to the people of our country and the discipline of family medicine with the talents that we have been endowed with.

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