

# Comment

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## Debate essential for promotion of Primary Care medicine . . .

To follow George Davie as medical editor of the *Journal of Family Practice* is no mean task. In establishing this journal Dr Davie generated much comment through his provocative style and wit.

Both the journal and the Academy of Family Practice/Primary Care, of which it is the official mouthpiece, are relatively new to the local medicine arena. We are confident of their continued success in their representation and promotion of the discipline of Family Practice in Southern Africa.

It is intended that regional representatives appointed by the Academy will keep readers of this journal informed of the

Academy's activities in the main centres by contributing news items and notices of meetings.

*The Journal of Family Practice* will continue to serve as a forum for discussion among South African doctors, whether they practice as General Practitioners, doctors in Primary Care, or Family Practitioners. By encouraging debate among readers and by publishing original research and news of developments in local medicine, the standards of Primary Care medicine will continue to improve.

Review articles, which by their very nature are generated by specialists and sub-specialists will still be covered by this journal. The main emphasis, however, will

continue to be on research undertaken by local Family Practitioners.

Ons vra dus u almal se bydraes sodat daar met verdrag opgebou kan word aan die literatuur basis van die Suid-Afrikaanse Huisartspraktike. Daar is in die verlede reeds baie goeie bydraes gemaak maar ons kan nie daarby stilstaan nie. Die riviertjie wat by tye al gaan staan het moet uit alle hoeke van Huisartspraktijk/Primêresorg gevoed word om 'n standhoudende vol rivier te word wat lewe in ons geledere inpomp.

Dit is ons doel as redaksie dat die tydskrif met u hulp sal voortgaan om al hoe meer een van die voedingsbronne van ons vakgebied te wees. □