

EDITORIAL

The first edition of our “blue” Journal for 2026 is here. A major event on the 2026 calendar is the SAGES annual meeting, this year immersed into the ENDO 2026 meeting. It is scheduled for 24–26 September, to be held at the CTICC in Cape Town. Please register to be part of what is planned to be an excellent immersive meeting.

In our current edition, we have excellent contributions led by fellows, Camagu Potelwa reviewing *Helicobacter pylori* antibiotic resistance in Africa and Elizabeth Gatley looking at the complexity of Budd-Chiari syndrome from diagnosis to management and the crucial role interventional radiology can play in such patients. Important management points are made in both articles.

Keaton Harris reminds us of GIST and how it should be part of a differential in unusual presentations given its response to effective therapy.

Peter Barrow provides perspective for the first time in the Journal on climate change and its potential influencing of gastroenterology practice.

The growing spectre of Metabolic Dysfunction Associated Steatotic Liver Disease or MASLD, remains a rising problem with rapidly increasing prevalences of the metabolic factors driving MASLD. Wendy Spearman eloquently reviews the current status and management in this edition and provides important practice points.

Paediatric gastroenterology, and particularly paediatric IBD is addressed in a mini case series from Ghana. IBD in this population remains challenging with important attention needing to be given to avoiding growth stunting from poorly managed disease.

The edition is full of valuable practice and learning points and SAGES remains committed to continually improving our Journal and its offering.

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