

Editorial



Every time I write the editorial, we seem to have something exciting happening in our country. Last time, we had just won the rugby world cup...again! This time, for the first time in over 30 years, we appear to have a very different government about to be formulated after our recent elections. We are all hoping that the proposed government of national unity will bring positive

changes to our ailing economy. Our economy has deteriorated to levels that have recently necessitated budget cuts in our healthcare sector that have never been seen before, with posts being frozen for all forms of healthcare professionals. This has put enormous strain on those that remain in the system. Let's hope that the makeup of the new government results in positive changes for the healthcare sector and the country as a whole.

Regarding our application for the journal to appear on scholarly search engines, it is so far indexed on Google Scholar, Sabinet, African Journals Online (AJOL), Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) and the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). Our application is currently being reviewed by SCOPUS and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). As usual, I'll keep you posted regarding any further developments.

I'm pleased to see that our wound care practitioners in the field of nursing are finding the time to undertake original research. One of these is an original research article on perspectives on wound care in

nursing homes in the South African context. Another, published in this issue, is on the role of topical oxygen therapy as an adjunct in treating non-healing wounds. Chronic, non-healing wounds are something we are all familiar with and often have difficulty in treating and information on any adjunctive therapy, such as topical oxygen therapy, is always welcome.

Our podiatry colleagues have been submitting more and more articles to WHSA, which I'm very pleased about, given that the field of wound care is multidisciplinary. In this issue, they publish an article on diabetic foot complications and their management at primary healthcare clinics in Johannesburg. I believe they already have another article lined up for our next issue!

In keeping with the spirit of being a multidisciplinary journal, we also have an interesting article published by one of our burn surgeons from KwaZulu-Natal. This original research article focuses on superficial partial thickness burns and donor sites and considers the benefits of extended wear of Cutimed Sorbact®. These research findings have resulted in this becoming standard practice for the management of these types of wounds at many of the hospitals.

I think this may be the first issue with only original research articles and no case reports. While we welcome interesting and unusual case reports, having more original research articles strengthens the impact of the journal and is something we should strive for. Keep them coming!

I hope you enjoy reading this issue.

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