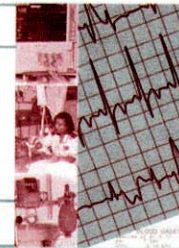


EDITORIAL

The Southern African Journal of Critical Care — twenty years on



This is the twentieth year of publication of the *Southern African Journal of Critical Care*. Professor Peter Potgieter founded the Journal in 1985 and was the first editor, and since then at least two issues a year have been published. The idea of a publication specifically for the critical care community of southern Africa still holds true today.

Dave Linton later took over responsibility for the *Journal* and under his leadership it became closely associated with the *South African Medical Journal*. It is largely due to the *SAMJ*'s committed production team and dedicated professional editing that we are able to produce a high-quality publication.

The *SAJCC* is listed with the Department of Education as an accredited South African journal, which means that academic institutions can claim a subsidy for the

articles published. To maintain this valuable status we have a strict peer-review policy. Our editorial policy is published below. In addition to review articles, which are written especially for South African medical and nursing readers, we publish peer-reviewed research in the field of critical care as well as news and letters. By agreement, *SAMJ* research articles related to critical care will be republished by the *SAJCC*.

Readers will notice our smart new designer cover, again courtesy of the *SAMJ* team. We also welcome our new Editorial Board. The associate editors are drawn from most of the South African medical universities and represent critical care nursing as well as the different parent specialties of critical care medicine.

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