

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to our first issue of the journal for 2009. The journal is currently in the process of applying for accreditation from the Department of Education, South Africa. With this process underway we would like to encourage all academics and clinicians to accept the challenge of publishing in this journal. Following our last edition which was dedicated to the UWC, VLIR project, we are now open to accept publications from all academic and clinical fields. Research has become an integral part of all academics as well as health care practitioners. Finding effective ways of sharing the valuable work that is being done in the clinical setting is essential. A case report is a form of communicating information to other health care practitioners and academics regarding exceptional cases. The editorial team thus wants to encourage the submission of interesting case reports to the journal.



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- *it offers a platform for debate between various disciplines which is essential in helping us to understand and learn from each other.*
- *the editorial team encourage original research but support the publication of scholarly papers and scientific systematic reviews.*
- *it offers a platform for novice researchers to share their research findings.*

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*We thank all the authors for submitting their work for publication and trust that, you, the reader, will find it interesting and gain knowledge from their publications and will want to feel part of the team by submitting your work for publication.*

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