EDITORIAL

Welcome to this first issue of the *Journal of Accident and Emergency Medicine* following our move to the BMJ Publishing Group. This is an exciting phase in the evolution of the Journal and a successful productive partnership will establish the Journal as a major forum for education, research, and debate on all aspects of accident and emergency medicine in the United Kingdom and throughout the world.

The editorial structure of the Journal has been revised, with the Medical Editor supported by a core group of Associate Editors with an editorial advisory board at present comprising members from the United Kingdom, Ireland, North America, Australia, South Africa and Hong Kong. The Journal team at the BMJ is completed by the Technical Editor, Oliver Brooke, the Editorial Assistant, Kathryn Syms, and managers from the Publishing Group responsible for specialist publications, journals, marketing, and advertising. This package will facilitate and optimise the production process of the Journal and the international access of the Publishing Group will promote the Journal worldwide across all specialties.

The Journal will now be published six times each year which will ensure that the latest developments in the specialty are presented and will expedite publication of accepted papers.

The contents of the Journal will include review articles, original papers, occasional series, and short reports. All papers will be subject to peer review. Case reports will be considered and should include a brief but comprehensive review of relevant literature. Correspondence is particularly welcome and the papers published should stimulate debate in the Journal. This will also provide an opportunity for readers to air topics of interest or concern on any relevant matter. A news section will contain details of meetings, courses, examinations, announcements and appointments. Items for inclusion should be forwarded to the Editorial Office. Further information is contained in the Instructions to Authors inside the rear cover. Papers are invited from all those involved in emergency care in the hospital and pre-hospital environment. Prospective authors are invited to discuss their proposals directly with the Editor. Similar comments and suggestions for the Journal are always appreciated.

This is a period of rapid development and change in our specialty. The *Journal of Accident and Emergency Medicine* will reflect and record these advances for the international audience involved in the provision of emergency care.

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Announcement

From 1996, *Accident and Emergency Medicine* will be published by the BMJ Publishing Group.

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