

Editor's note

The SAJCN fraternity will recall that the SAJCN is a partner of the African Journals Online (AJOL; <https://www.ajol.info/index.php/ajol/pages/view/about-AJOL-African-Journals-Online>). AJOL is the world's largest online collection of African-published, peer-reviewed scholarly journals, and aims to increase online visibility, access and use of African-published research output in support of quality African research and higher education. More than 500 AJOL peer-reviewed journals from 31 African countries are hosted free online using open source software. AJOL's partner journals cover the full range of academic disciplines with particularly strong sections on health, agriculture and African studies. The AJOL website receives over 200 000 visits per month from countries around the world and allows for free access to article abstracts. More than half of the 100 000 plus full text articles on the site are in Open Access journal partners, and are free to download. Recently, AJOL has succeeded

in providing accurate and easy-to-use monthly “abstract views” and “article download” statistics for each of the actively publishing titles in this Pan-African partnership of journals. The SAJCN's latest available statistics are now available [Figures 1 a (abstract views) and 1b (article downloads)]. Further information can be viewed live at <https://www.ajol.info/stats/13b75896327143d1a8a5749d95621cc43f37c39e>.

It is gratifying to note that, despite the many challenges which still need to be addressed in the country's health landscape, the 20th edition of the South African Health Review¹ is remarkable for the most welcome significant improvements that have been achieved in a number of health domains such as life expectancy, institutional maternal mortality rate in five provinces, access to medicines via the Chronic Medicines Dispensing and Distribution Programme, some

progress in the Ideal Clinic Realization and Maintenance Programme, and improvements in the management and control of non-communicable diseases.

Medpharm Publications, the largest medical and pharmaceutical publisher in Southern Africa and publisher of the SAJCN, has 11 titles, 41 issues, and an average of 388 articles and 2 300 pages published annually. Its continued growth has necessitated the expansion of its reach into the digital realm by launching its new website (www.medpharm.co.za), which became fully functional on the 7th September 2017. The SAJCN fraternity can now enjoy having the SAJCN displayed in a professional, easy to use, digital environment by creating a free-of-charge account and be able to read the SAJCN online the moment it is published, as well as all SAJCN issues from 2016 on any smart device or PC anywhere in the world.

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Figure 1a. SAJCN “abstract views” June 2017



Figure 1b. SAJCN “article downloads” June 2017