

Editor's note

The first Executive Editorial Board meeting of this year was held and specifically aimed at appraising the current status of the SAJCN as well as identifying opportunities for the further growth of our Journal. The identified needs included the revision, as necessary, of current editorial policies, the creation of new features such as domain specific position papers, the recruitment of additional reviewers, the canvassing for additional manuscripts, increasing awareness of the SAJCN as well as improving internal and external communication. A draft proposal will be prepared for presentation to the entire Editorial Board for discussion, additional inputs and finalisation. A combined meeting of the Editorial Board together with the SAJCN's Management Board is also being planned during the course of the year.

In this issue of the SAJCN, two new topics are highlighted, the one on the "Composite Index of Anthropometric Failure (CIAF)"¹ and the second on "Fistuloclysis as a treatment option for intestinal failure patients"². The SAJCN has not published any manuscripts on these topics in the past. In the case of the former¹ and as highlighted in the accompanying editorial, CIAF is a useful, but underutilised tool, and affords the

opportunity of better quantifying multiple anthropometric failures in environments characterised by the so called "multiple burden" of malnutrition which is known to be increasing globally.³ In the clinical domain, the article on fistuloclysis,² a treatment approach to managing intestinal failure, seems to be underutilised and its implementation hampered by modifiable factors in a usually complex clinical setting. The manuscript clearly identifies the need for training which should help improve the management of such patients.

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