

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

### NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AND EDITORIAL BOARD

I am delighted to be appointed as the new Editor-in-Chief for *The South African Radiographer*. I acknowledge that I have big shoes to fill following on from my predecessor, Mrs Leonie Munro. She has mentored and guided me, and continues to do so. Thank you, Leonie. I also wish to welcome the new editorial board members; I look forward to working alongside each one of you. I do not take the role and associated duties of the Editor-in-Chief lightly and will strive to fulfil my obligations diligently.

### WAY FORWARD

As I commence the steering of the journal's new chapter, I will endeavour to strengthen the journal even further to become a flagship journal for medical imaging and radiation sciences in South Africa, and globally. Research integrity and high-quality publications will continue to be the foundation of this publication. The goal is to disseminate rigorous evidence that can inform policy and practice within the profession. I also have some exciting ideas for including a new submission format, as well as some changes on the operational side associated with the administration of the journal. My aim is also to work towards Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) accreditation of the journal. However, to achieve this, I call upon academics and researchers, especially from South Africa, to contribute to the journal because, without these contributions, accreditation of the journal will not be realised. Additionally, I also call upon interested individuals with the relevant expertise and experience to register themselves as reviewers for the journal. This is a valuable research development opportunity, as well as aligning with a commitment to lifelong learning.

To every person who has contributed to the journal through manuscript submissions, peer reviewing, and serving on the editorial board, thank you for your support in enabling the journal to grow. I look forward to the next step in the journal's trajectory.

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### Peer Review Process

Original articles are first reviewed by an editorial advisory group who have the right to recommend rejection or referral for review.

SARad obtains:

- i) Two reviews on ALL MATERIAL except case reports.
- ii) One review on case reports from an expert in the subject.

Reviewers consider the material in terms of whether it contains new information, if there is proof thereof, if applicable were the statistical methods used appropriate, and what should be done to improve the manuscript in terms of grammar, and clarity of meaning. In addition they comment on relevance of tables, figures in terms of illustrating key points. Reviewers advise the editor whether to accept reviewed material for publication. SARad uses a grading system for peer reviewers: Reviewed material should be returned to the editor within 21 (twenty-one) days. Persons who are experts in their fields and who have published material are invited to review material on a voluntary basis.

Interested persons are welcome to volunteer to review material.