

EDITORIAL

This is the last issue of the millennium and marks the end of the first ten years of the journal. In that time, 156 authors have contributed 236 articles on a diverse, eclectic mix of clinical and non-clinical matters. Most, but not all, areas of healthcare have contributed something in that time and we hope that the next few years will see us fill the gaps by inviting new authors (especially those in emerging specialities) to inform you, the reader. Previous topics will be revisited to keep us up to date and we intend to continue efforts to provide something for all disciplines in healthcare.

Two topics are certain to be relevant to every reader, and if you do nothing else, read the Declaration of Geneva, as modified by the University of Liverpool, on page 213 and the article about the late Archie Cochrane on page 208. Cochrane was an interesting and important man whose thinking is

central to the prevailing government drive about clinical effectiveness. If you are one of those who bristles when reading government material about the subject, remind yourself that it all started within the profession.

To the best of my knowledge, Cochrane did not contribute to the development of the updated Hippocratic Oath now known as the Declaration of Geneva, but he showed by his life and actions that he was a genuinely interdisciplinary thinker and would surely have approved every word. His critical powers and the logic of his words are worth every reader's attention.

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