

## Editorial

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Radiotherapy in Practice*. This new peer reviewed international journal is intended to provide a suitable vehicle for publication for all practitioners working in the field of radiotherapy and clinical oncology. We hope that the multi-disciplinary approach that is so prevalent in cancer care will be reflected in the publication of quality research from a wider range of practitioners and stimulate debate and an exchange of information and opinion within the field of radiotherapy practice and clinical oncology.

This opportunity for establishing dialogue and encouraging the sharing of good practice will serve to enhance the quality of our therapeutic approaches and our patient's experiences of them, together with advancement in our knowledge, skills and expertise as healthcare practitioners.

The *Journal of Radiotherapy in Practice* will be issued quarterly and aims to provide an easily available forum for the publication of research papers, scientific papers, technical articles, case studies, review articles and articles on educational matters, continuing professional development (CPD), role extension and evidence based practice.

The success of the journal is dependent upon the willingness of the practitioners working in the field of radiotherapy and clinical oncology to translate the numerous examples of quality clinical practice into papers which will disseminate this information and promote a culture of sharing best practice. Thus, if you have work which you are interested in publishing, we would be delighted to hear from you. The editorial board is committed to the provision of a supportive approach to facilitate the process towards publication, particularly for those potential authors with no previous experience of publications. All

members of the editorial board would welcome initial discussions with potential authors, prior to submission, if assistance and advice should be required.

As an indication of our commitment to rapidly respond to potential authors, the editorial board of the *Journal of Radiotherapy in Practice* has set itself the following quality standards for dealing with the submission of articles:

- Authors submitting articles for publication will normally receive a written acknowledgement of receipt within one week of the article being lodged with the Editors-in-Chief (overseas submissions may take a little longer).
- All articles submitted for publication will normally be reviewed within 6 weeks of the article being received by the Editors-in-Chief.
- Authors will normally be notified of the suitability for publication (together with an estimate of timescale for publication) or otherwise, within 7 weeks of the article being received by the Editors-in-Chief.

Therefore, you will receive a rapid response to determine the suitability of your submission for publication. We would also encourage the submission of letters to our correspondence section, to comment upon and discuss the content and style of the journal in order that we can ensure it continues to meet, and is responsive to, the needs of the radiotherapy and clinical oncology community.

The journal is also creating a website and which is currently under construction. You will be able to access the site at: [www.greenwich-medical.co.uk/journals/jrp.html](http://www.greenwich-medical.co.uk/journals/jrp.html). It is planned that colleagues will be able to view the contents of the journal, forthcoming articles, subscribe on-line and participate in an ongoing exchange of views and opinion

regarding the journal and issues of related professional interest.

We hope that the first issue meets your expectations and we would value your continued involvement to ensure the ongoing success of this exciting venture. Any comments on how we could improve

the journal or suggestions for additional features are most welcome. It is your journal and will flourish in response to your support and contributions. We look forward to hearing from you.

**David Eddy and Angela Duxbury**  
*Editors-in-Chief*