

Editorial

As the curtain falls on 2010 and we reflect on what a year it has been, we present you with our final edition of the SAJAA for the year. As I write this, I feel this has been quite a year for new publications from SASA's point of view, with the *Acute Pain Guidelines* and the *Paediatric Sedation Guidelines* in print and electronic format, and the revised *Adult Sedation Guidelines* available electronically.

We have had a year of mixed blessings in South Africa, with the harsh reality of the public servants' strike contrasting with the euphoria of the FIFA World Cup. In keeping with the soccer theme, we have published a letter detailing a wonderful adaptation of the Jackson-Rees circuit in paediatric practice.

Tony Keene reminds us of the importance of echocardiography skills in our anaesthetic practice, and our two original research papers address issues pertaining to analgesia and analgesic requirements. Our case reports are brief reviews of interesting and relevant topics we may encounter in our daily anaesthetic practices, usually when we least expect them.

The editorial team of the SAJAA wishes you all a safe and peaceful festive season, and good health in 2011.

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