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## **EDITORIAL:**

### **Two Major Advances for our Journal**

Firstly, we are delighted to announce that *Paediatric and Perinatal Drug Therapy* is now the official journal of the Neonatal and Paediatric Pharmacists Group (NPPG). The aims of both the journal and the NPPG are similar in that both wish to improve the use of medicines in the paediatric population.

The NPPG was established in 1994 by clinical pharmacists based in the UK. It holds an annual conference in the autumn of each year and attracts delegates from around the world, and currently has members from several countries in Europe, the Middle East, and Australia and New Zealand.

The NPPG has strong links with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in the UK, and the two groups together have produced *Medicines for Children*, a national

paediatric formulary for the UK. We recognise the important role that pharmacists can play in both research and the use of medicines in children. We hope that pharmacists will submit both original research and reviews to the journal.

Secondly, we are also delighted to announce that we now have a North American Editor for our journal – Professor Greg Kearns. Professor Kearns is a highly respected individual with an excellent track record in research. With the major developments taking place in North America, it is essential that the journal has a strong presence there. We hope that the appointment of Professor Kearns as the North American Editor will facilitate the submission of articles from the North American continent.

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