

EDITORIAL

A new partnership for drug therapy in children

It is over 10 years since the first issue of *Paediatric and Perinatal Drug Therapy* was published¹. Since then there have been major advances in relation to legislation that will encourage clinical trials in children both in North America² and Europe³. Additionally there has been investment in research in this field and recognition of the importance of paediatric clinical pharmacology⁴.

The journal, over the last decade, has taken major steps forward. It has progressed from an annual publication that consisted entirely of reviews, to a quarterly production with original articles. Additionally, *Paediatric and Perinatal Drug Therapy* has become the official journal of both the Neonatal and Paediatric Pharmacists Group (NPPG) and the European Society for Developmental, Paediatric and Perinatal Pharmacology. These are two major organisations committed to improving drug therapy for sick infants and children.

The aim of *Paediatric and Perinatal Drug Therapy* has always been to impact on health professionals who use medicines in children. We have been fortunate to work with LibraPharm and subsequently Informa Healthcare. Informa Healthcare has expressed a wish not to renew the contract with *Paediatric and Perinatal Drug Therapy*. We have, therefore, had to seek a new publisher.

We are delighted to announce that after this issue the editorial team of *Paediatric and Perinatal Drug Therapy* will work with the new publishers, BMJ Publishing Group. The BMJ Publishing Group have

a longstanding interest in medicines for children having been involved in producing the British National Formulary for Children in conjunction with the NPPG, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of GB and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. We feel that the new partnership will help ensure that more health professionals take an interest in the scientific study of medicines in children. This should result in safer and more effective drug therapy for children and infants which was the primary reason for launching the journal over a decade ago. We trust our readers and contributors will work with us to ensure the success of the journal in its new format.

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