



Editor's Letter

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Our goal in publishing informed is to put health services information and clinical research together to give you, the practicing physician, information that is directly relevant to your practice. Simply put, our goal is to inform you about current options that will enhance your ability to deliver effective and efficient patient care. And, rather than publish another journal article with impenetrable prose, we decided to synthesize relevant information and write it in a straightforward fashion with a little colour and a little humour:

Dr. Ed Brown, Founding Editor, *informed*
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Over the past twelve years, the *informed* team has worked to fulfill the goal outlined by Dr. Ed Brown in the first issue of *informed*. That first issue included articles about the newly released Ottawa Ankle Rules, oral rehydration therapy for children and bed management strategies from the Stratford General Hospital.

Following a strategic review of our products and services, ICES has made the difficult decision to cease publication of *informed*. In this last issue, we focus on topics as diverse as the transmission

of zoonoses from pets to people (page one), the new HPV vaccine (page six), the association of bisphosphonates with osteonecrosis of the jaw (page five), and the risks of discontinuing medications post-myocardial infarction (page five).

So long, farewell...

I have been fortunate to be part of an excellent team over the past nine years. Although many of the members have changed, each person has brought their expertise, ideas and vision to the table. I would like to thank the current team, Pam Slaughter, Laura Benben, Dr. Karen Tu, Linda Devore and Susan Garfinkel for your help in developing *informed*. It's been a pleasure to work with you. Thanks to Joe Sherman for his wonderful cartoons. Thanks also to the ICES administration for the support over the years.

Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye...

As Editor, I have been privileged to serve you, the reader. I have enjoyed reading your many letters and emails. You have given me good ideas and points to ponder, as well as occasionally chastising me for "crossing the line". In 1994, Dr. Ed Brown invited you to come along for the ride. Thanks for joining us for twelve years!

— Diane L. Kelsall

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