

It depends on one's attitude to change, whether or not present times are exciting or terrifying!



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Our fledgling democracy is attempting to find solutions to health care dilemmas that elude the planners of the world's greatest industrial nation. The cost spiral of private health care must be contained for it to survive. Ways must be found to fund and provide basic care for the vast majority of our population.

Our academic departments are shuddering under the onslaught of uncertainty,

budget cuts and loss of staff. Is this the time to launch a new journal? The Radiological Society, emphatically, believes that it is! The South African Journal of Radiology is the official journal of the Radiological Society of South Africa and is free to all its members. The Radiological Society is supporting the Journal financially as part of its programme of fostering academic radiology and CME.

Radiology, as we all know, is the most exciting and most rapidly expanding speciality in medicine. The radiologist, in his or her true position as a consultant, is an integral and indispensable part of the health care team. With the introduction of telemedicine, specialist radiological skills

will be available over wide areas. If the radiologist can provide quality, expertise and value, the threat to radiology from other disciplines will disappear.

South Africa has good radiologists and an abundance of clinical material. Put the two together and we have all the ingredients of a world class journal. Add the dedication and skills of Peter Corr, our first editor, and the expertise and experience of our publisher Roger Short of Cannon Communications and it really can't go wrong. The trick is, to integrate the skills and infrastructure of the private and public sectors for the good of radiology.

It's been an easy birth. It augurs well for a long life.

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