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New chapter for the South African Heart[®] Journal

I hope this message finds you well. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the Editor of the SA Heart[®] Journal. I am truly honoured to take on this role and contribute to the advancement of cardiovascular research in our community. On behalf of the SA Heart[®] board I would like to thank the outgoing editorial team for their contributions to SA Heart[®] Journal.

I look forward to collaborating with the esteemed editorial team and authors to uphold the Journal's reputation for excellence. Together, I believe we can foster impactful research and insights that will benefit our readers and to the cardiology field.

As we embark on a new chapter for the SA Heart[®] Journal, I am both honoured and excited to introduce the Journal and our dedicated editorial team.

The SA Heart[®] Journal has long been a platform for sharing groundbreaking research and clinical insights in cardiovascular medicine. Our mission is to disseminate knowledge that improves patient care and advances the field, not only within South Africa but across the global medical community.

I am thrilled to announce our new editorial team, comprising experts from diverse backgrounds in cardiology, surgery, and research. Together, we bring a wealth of experience and a shared commitment to enhancing the Journal's quality and impact. We aim to foster an environment that encourages innovative research and robust discussions, ensuring that we stay at the forefront of cardiovascular health.

Our mission is to resurrect SA Heart[®] Journal so that it can be utilised as a voice for South African Heart[®] Association and the cardiology community. I would like to create a platform where experts share their knowledge and experience to improve the Journal impact factor. It aims to be the leading platform for the dissemination of novel research and progress in cardiovascular science.

SA Heart[®] Journal aims to disseminate novel research through publication of original research papers, review articles, case reports, and short reports relating to all aspects of cardiology. It aims to be all inclusive, enhance communication between cardiologist, technologists, basic research scientists, and allied health care professionals.

We are committed to promoting scientific excellence, facilitating knowledge exchange and contributing to the global effort to improve cardiovascular health outcomes.

The main goals of SA Heart® Journal are:

- Publish high quality research
- Advance clinical practice
- Encourage multi-disciplinary and transdisciplinary collaboration
- Enhance exchange of knowledge
- Promote open access and transparency
- Support emerging researchers
- Drive innovation in cardiovascular science
- Contribute to policy and public health
- Maintain high standard of ethical integrity

As we move forward, we invite contributions from researchers, clinicians, and thought leaders. Your insights are invaluable, and we are eager to showcase the latest developments in our field. We also encourage feedback and suggestions to help us continually improve the Journal.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the SA Heart® Journal. Together, let's make significant strides in advancing heart health.

Regards

Ruchika Meel
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