

The Netherlands Journal of Medicine: the next episode

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This is the first issue of *the Netherlands Journal of Medicine* under the Amsterdam editorship that started in January 2009.¹ It should be mentioned, however, that many of the contributions in this issue were commissioned, reviewed, and edited under the previous editorship from the successful Nijmegen team.² Nevertheless, due to our active publisher we can guarantee a very short lag time between accepting manuscripts and publishing these papers in print, which means that already the next issues of the Journal will mostly come from papers just submitted in 2009 and therefore edited in Amsterdam. We hope prospective authors may appreciate the rapid turnaround time for editorial decision, eventual acceptance, and subsequent publication of their manuscripts and submit their contributions to our Journal. The time from acceptance to publishing papers on the internet, accessible through major medical research search engines, including PubMed, is even shorter. Indeed, many colleagues worldwide find this way to the papers published in the *Netherlands Journal of Medicine*, as evidenced by the large number of 'hits' on our internet pages and as reported in every issue of the Journal some months after publication. In addition, the number of citations of our manuscripts is growing every year as well, contributing to an improvement in the impact factor. The 'top 3' most cited papers in the *Netherlands Journal of Medicine* in the last three years³⁻⁵ compare favourably with the number of citations in major international journals and we hope the number of papers achieving this attention will steadily grow. Interestingly, especially our review papers attract a lot of citations and we will try to build on this by further improving the quality of

these manuscripts in the coming years. In addition, case reports, in particular those that present new and original observations, seem to be interesting for many readers worldwide.⁶ Apart from that, the *Netherlands Journal of Medicine* may be a good forum for our residents in training and other colleagues to submit their interesting clinical observations in case series or case report format or as a photo quiz. In addition, the Journal may be a platform to publish novel guidelines of particular interest for Internal Medicine.⁷ Taken together, the new editorial team is proud to have taken over the editorship of the Journal and we are looking forward to productive years and very interesting publications.

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