Season’s Greetings

Where has this year gone? It's been 12 months since I took on the role of Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Perioperative Practice and what a year it has been! Looking back over this year’s volume, the Journal has covered such a variety of perioperative topics and has hopefully led to new ways of working, changing practice or updating our own knowledge for personal professional development and the good of our service users. This month’s edition is no different. From the preoperative considerations of hair extensions and the fasting duration for adult elective patients to the comparison of nurse versus patients’ assessment of anxiety when undergoing ambulatory surgery and the use of the team brief as well as the Professor Ellis series relating the story of mastectomy. The breadth of topics demonstrates the wide range of work being undertaken within operating theatres and education.

The Editorial Board has also been busy. We've appointed an Associate Editor and a number of new reviewers who bring with them expertise on a range of specialist areas. These include difficult airway, resuscitation management and robotic surgery. Being a member of the Editorial Board has its challenges as all of us also work full-time in a wide range of roles within health care and education in the UK and overseas. However, being a member of the Board also has its benefits including being able to contribute to the development of future perioperative practice. The Board is supported by a publishing team at SAGE and the Journal’s very own Editorial Administrator, Gina Graydon, who is much more than an administrator and keeps us all on track. I couldn’t do what I do without everyone’s contribution and so I’d like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their support over this past year. I’d also like to thank the authors who have chosen the Journal to publish their work as well as you, the reader, whose contribution helps us promote perioperative practice worldwide.

Whether you work in perioperative practice or education, I hope you will manage to take some well-deserved leave over the next few weeks. For everyone who is working over the bank holidays, make the most of your days off and whether you’re spending time with family or taking a day or two of some well-deserved me-time, a break will help you recharge your batteries.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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