

Sharing innovations to maximise patient benefit



Please allow us to introduce ourselves as the new editors of *European Diabetes Nursing*. We are Dr Magdalena Annersten Gershater and Professor

Angus Forbes. We are both diabetes nurses committed to improving the care of people with diabetes, through our clinical work and by extending and increasing the quality of diabetes care through research and education. We are delighted to take on the editorship of *EDN* as a highly valued reference for diabetes nurses and other health professionals from across Europe.

In our first editorial we would like to share our vision for the journal with you. However, first of all we pay tribute to the previous editors, Dr Gill Hood and Professor Bert Vrijhoef; they have done an amazing job in improving the quality of the journal and its profile. They have worked extremely hard to attract papers that tackle important issues in diabetes and that inform the contribution of nurses in diabetes care. We very much hope to build on Gill and Bert's legacy, and, in keeping with their approach, invite you to be part of the journal by engaging with the practices and ideas expressed in its contents. We encourage you to share your thinking with the diabetes nursing community through *EDN*. So, whether you agree or disagree with what you read, please write to us and give your views, and we will be pleased to consider correspondence for publication. Of course, we also encourage you to write and share projects or

research that you have undertaken. We see *EDN* very much as a vehicle for improving clinical care, and really hope that you will share clinical innovations through the journal to maximise patient benefit. And, following the comment from Bert in the previous editorial, we will certainly have fun in achieving this ambition.

On that note it is a pleasure to introduce the current issue of the journal in which there are some very timely papers. Two of these express an important and often neglected interest in the impact that significant relationships have on people with diabetes. Wennick and Huus present an absorbing account of how diabetes impacts on the siblings of children with type 1 diabetes; and Costa and colleagues explore the impact of diabetes on partners. In a further paper relating to prevention of problems in diabetes, Abu-Qamar gives some interesting insights regarding the benefits of foot screening in determining risk for ulceration. In keeping with the journal's commitment to developing and exploring clinical management in diabetes, we also have a very informative overview from Rita Forde on the development of pre-pregnancy care.

We very much look forward to engaging with you all through *EDN*. Together we can ensure that the journal will develop further as an essential reference for nurses in diabetes.

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