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## EDITORIAL

### About this issue...

Welcome to the end-of-year edition of the Southern African Gynaecological Oncology Journal. In this edition, we have wide-ranging content with something for everyone.

The biennial South Africa Society of Gynaecologic Oncology Congress was held at Spier Estate in Stellenbosch in September. A guest editorial from the head of the local organising committee, Dr Bruce Howard, gives details of the successful meeting. In addition, our social pages have a few snaps of the attendees, many of whom have been authors in this journal!

Dr Adams has thoroughly reviewed the appropriate management of BRCA positive women with respect to screening, chemoprevention and risk reduction surgery. These guidelines will aid all those who care for these women in practice. In particular, they will assist in planning a management pathway in conjunction with our genetic counsellor colleagues.

The personal perspective comes for the Sudan in this edition. Dr El-Hassan paints a picture of the limited access to oncological care for Sudanese women with gynaecological malignancies. Scarce resources and lack of available skilled oncologists, both surgical and clinical, lead to many women receiving treatment for advanced stage disease.

There are two original research papers. The first from Attipoe-Dorcoo et al. surveyed online media over an 18-month period

to assess the information available on HPV vaccination, both from factual content and tone. For many of us who are strong advocates for HPV vaccination, it is reassuring that most articles conveyed a positive message in this era of the 'anti-vaxxer' campaigns.

Fourie et al. looked at the use of radiotherapy planning target volume as a surrogate for tumour size in a low resource setting without access to MRI. The primary end point of the study was overall survival. Paradoxically, it was found that a smaller PTV adversely affected outcome. The authors suggest that improved imaging, and the incorporation of PET-CT where available, may be a more accurate method of assessment of tumour size.

Two case reports are included in the issue. Barnardt et al. address bleomycin-induced lung injury following chemotherapy in a patient with an ovarian germ cell tumour. Guzha et al. describe outcomes for a patient with synchronous oligometastases in cervical cancer.

We wish to thank all those who continue to support the journal, from our academic colleagues, to our hardworking editorial team, Robyn and Chantelle, and to those who so kindly give up their time to review submissions to ensure we produce a journal with high academic standards. We look forward to a fruitful 2019!

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