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## EDITORIAL

### About this issue...

Dear readers and members of the South African Society of Gynaecologic Oncology

Thank you to all the authors who have submitted to the journal this year. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support in the difficult and challenging environment of research and publishing in academia.

There are three original research articles. Njovu and Simonds describe a cohort of nearly 100 women under 40 years old who underwent radial radiotherapy for cervical carcinoma. The excellent 2-year overall survival refutes the adage that young women with cervical cancer fare poorly. The second article hails from Ethiopia, where the authors detail the challenging environment that leads to poor uptake of cervical screening in the region. It highlights the barriers and difficulties in low-resource settings. The final article by Addae et al., is a cohort study of 270 patients who underwent cervical excision for pre-invasive lesions over a 5-year period; the cohort describes follow-up for relapse. The final results show a substantial risk for relapse with those who had positive margins or crypt disease and the authors emphasise the need for close follow-up in this high-risk group.

We have five interesting case reports. From Mohlabane et al. a case of ovarian carcinoid. Olivier et al. describe the pathological distinctions between primary endometrial squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) and cervical SCC involving the endometrial cavity. Aldera et al. discuss progress in next generation sequencing to detail new pathological variants in endometrial stromal sarcoma. Kalwiba et al. describe a rare case of mammary-like adenocarcinoma of the vulva, and the final report comes from Shaffi et al. describing the rare occurrence of SCC arising from an ovarian teratoma in Kenya.

Thank you again to those who have contributed, and we encourage you to send us your case reports and cohort studies to share with our community.

Finally, congratulations to our own Professor Greta Dreyer from the University of Pretoria for her success in the IGCS elections as President Elect. Greta, we are so proud of you for hoisting the flag for Africa and wish you every success.

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