

# A ton of Clinics

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The Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ)'s Clinics in Diagnostic Imaging series has been a well-received feature of our journal ever since its launch a decade ago in 1994<sup>(1)</sup>. I was then an expatriate Senior Lecturer in Diagnostic Radiology working at the University of Hong Kong and had approached Professor Chee Yam Cheng, then SMJ editor, with a proposal to start the Clinics series. Professor Chee's response was positive and the rest is history.

This issue of SMJ sees the appearance of the 100<sup>th</sup> article in the Clinics series<sup>(2)</sup>. It is indeed a landmark to achieve a "ton" or "century" – to borrow from cricketing parlance. The Clinics innings have survived a few appeals, most notably in 1998 when the series was temporarily suspended. Popular demand brought the series back and the innings have been chanceless ever since. We are now well set and ready to build upon this hundred.

The original aims of this series remain unchanged, i.e. principally to emphasise the applications of imaging via a problem-orientated approach. The series has, over time, evolved into a mini-review of the role of imaging in a particular clinical situation or in a relatively-rare but well-recognised disease entity, with its foundation based on an illustrative case. A secondary aim was to attempt to raise the profile of local

radiologists. In the initial period, however, contributions to this series have been made mainly by our overseas colleagues, many of whom were very distinguished. Fortunately, the response from the local radiological community has improved greatly, particularly over the recent four years. It augurs well for the future of Singapore radiology that most of these submissions have come from the younger generation.

Since the beginning of the year, SMJ has launched the Pictorial Essay series and the Category 3B CME programme. The Evidence-based Medicine series will be inaugurated in next month's SMJ and the process of relaunching the ECG series has begun. The current editorial board aims to make SMJ both readable and educational. The regular series, including established ones such as Stamps in Medicine and Basic Statistics for Doctors, contribute to the journal's character. As journal space is very much at a premium, the Clinics in Diagnostic Imaging series will henceforth appear quarterly, in line with the other regular columns. **SMJ**

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