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The Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ) is pleased to announce the launch of a quarterly series, entitled TARGET, an acronym for **T**echnology **A**ssessments, **R**eviews, **G**uidelines and **E**vidence-based **T**opics. The full title is self-explanatory and complements the very successful series on Evidence-based Medicine and Healthcare, which ran in the SMJ from September 2004 to December 2006.^(1,2) This earlier series provided not only continuing medical education for readers but also valuable background on various aspects of evidence-based methodology.

TARGET is published in collaboration with the Health Technology Assessment Branch of the Ministry of Health, Singapore, and is the initiative of Dr Pwee Keng Ho, an associate editor of SMJ. TARGET seeks

to bring evidence-based publications to the attention of SMJ readers. Under the three headings of (1) technology assessment and systemic reviews; (2) guidelines; and (3) evidence-based topics, subjects of clinical relevance will be selected and a brief summary of each provided. The full source of each article or guideline will be listed, together with the URL link, if available on the internet.

It is hoped that clinical practitioners will find this series useful, and are able to apply evidence from research for the benefit of their patients and the public in general.

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The following are the judging criteria:

- **The paper with the most potential impact on clinical practice**
- **Most rigorous study design/research methodologies**
- **Comprehensive data analysis and balanced discussion**
- **Data interpretation**

Distinguished members of the medical profession will be invited to serve on our panel of judges for selecting the winning papers.

The authors of the winning papers selected by our panel of judges will receive cash prizes for the first, second and third places. Prize winners will also receive a commemorative trophy and certificate.

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