

EDITORIAL/ÉDITORIAL

All new and improved

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Correspondence to: Peter Hutten-Czapski, phc@srpc.ca his issue is the start of a new era for the Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine. We have migrated to a new platform, and our look and feel might be a little different than before. What has not changed is our commitment to publish what is of interest to our rural medical readership.

Hopefully, subtle to the reader, but a big change for both authors and editors is the review process. We have a learning curve to overcome on this side. However, I think we become much more transparent with the online manuscript submission system in comparison to the manual system we used before. The authors get quick feedback as to where they stand and what is happening to their paper. In turn, it's much easier for the staff to now know what papers are in what stage of the process. Finally, I get to know what is going to be published in any given issue. Which gives me an option to comment on the journal's content in the editorial. So let's indulge.

In this issue, we will be reading about the quintessential procedure of rural practice. Yup, read about fishhooks and their propensity to find themselves in human flesh, in this study from Newfoundland. While out on the lake this week, I was witness to an acute (luckily managed on the

boat) injury of just this sort. We at the CJRM like this type of article and indeed have previously published the definitive how-to over a decade ago.¹ From this new work, it seems that, although all methods that the Thommasens' describe are used, the 'advance and cut' technique is most favoured on the Avalon Peninsula.

Next is a study from the western end of the country, about the use of a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) puck to help rural nurses train to provide quality CPR. We do not do CPR often in the periphery, possibly because both rural doctors and nurses are generalists and have to support a wide spectrum of competencies to meet our populations' needs. With CPR outshining every other intervention in cardiac arrest, these devices offer training outside of intermittent (and at times logistically difficult to access) four-letter courses.

Enjoy the renewed CJRM. We welcome all sorts of rural content. If you want to submit a letter to the editor or some other work you can now do it online at http://www.journalonweb.com/cjrm.

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