

An important issue for the *British Journal of Hospital Medicine*

This issue marks an important milestone in the Journal's 40-year history – the name changes, reverting back to the *British Journal of Hospital Medicine* (BJHM), and a new design and format herald the return of blue. The 'new' title and colour will rekindle memories for many of our readers of that time in their professional lives when the 'blue journal' was a familiar and helpful friend, particularly at exam time.

During the 'green' years we endeavoured to maintain the standards demanded of a leading review journal and, with the help and guidance of our editorial board, the high-quality papers from our contributors and suggestions from our readers, we believe this was achieved.

All change in hospital medicine

So many elements of hospital medicine are diversifying on a greater scale than ever before: clinical practice, medical education, medical regulation and biomedical research are all witnessing fundamental changes. We consider that this is, therefore, an opportune moment to consider

the journal's future as it pursues its mission as a leading publication in postgraduate medical education.

BJHM will continue to publish high-quality reviews on important clinical and research issues. Editorials, highlighting topical developments and debates, will remain and the postgraduate medical education and training section will be a prominent feature.

A major development

This month marks the introduction of the Modernising Medical Careers initiative and the start of the foundation years training with its defined content and regular assessment of trainees. Marking this, BJHM is launching a new section, MMC, specifically to interest and help doctors in the foundation programme, both students and teachers. Reviews of acute medicine and surgery, guides to the interpretation of investigations and performance of common practical procedures, careers advice, regulatory issues, news from the deaneries and colleges will feature from the outset. As the programme evolves, so will this important section.

More than a journal, BJHM plans many linked events to highlight its commitment to medical education and research. Seminars on MMC are to be held in the autumn (see below) and a 12-month course of lectures and discussions on medical and surgical emergencies will be launched next spring. A prestigious awards programme – the BJHM Premier Awards for excellence in both clinical and academic medicine – has also been launched – see pp M10–11 in the centre of this issue for further details.

The journal is entering an exciting and challenging phase. We thank all our readers for their support and look forward to welcoming new friends to the BJHM and to our many functions. **BJHM**

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A reception is being held to celebrate the re-launch of British Journal of Hospital Medicine on Wednesday, September 14th 2005, 7–9pm, at St Jude's Church, Dulwich Road, London SE24 0PB

Guest speakers:

Dr Jack Tinker,

Editor-in-Chief, British Journal of Hospital Medicine

Professor Robin Williamson,

Dean, Royal Society of Medicine

The new surgical training

Dr Colin Stern,

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Modernising Medical Careers and the implications for medical training

If you are interested in attending this reception, please contact Katina Toumba, MA Healthcare Ltd, St Jude's Church, Dulwich Road, London SE24 0PB; Tel: 020 7738 5454; katina@markallengroup.com

Please note that places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.