

Editorial

Welcome to the December 2022 edition of the APCP journal. It doesn't seem like a year ago that Barry Johnston handed over to Rachel Rapson (Assistant Editor) and I. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Barry's dedication and enthusiasm and thank him for his leadership of the journal over the last four years – hopefully we can continue to build on his work. My thanks too, to the wider team of reviewers and APCP administrators for their continued support with the journal, I have been made to feel most welcome.

In this edition I am delighted that we can include our first 'Masterclass' paper, an excellent overview of bronchiolitis that will be useful for APCP members to refer to over these winter months. I'd like to thank the authorship team (Laura Lowndes, Kieran Lock and Naomi Winfield) for their comprehensive paper and would encourage other teams to contact the journal if you would like to develop a masterclass in your area of expertise.

The second paper in this edition of the journal is a qualitative study that explores adherence to bracing in young people with adolescent idiopathic scoliosis (Chong and Simmonds). The paper draws out interesting points in relation to health literacy and supportive strategies to enhance adherence that may also be of relevance to other clinical populations.

This edition also includes a selection of abstracts from the APCP Conference held in November 2021. We hope that you enjoy perusing these abstracts that clearly demonstrate the breadth and depth of research, quality improvement, audit and scholarly activity that is ongoing in paediatric physiotherapy.

Unfortunately, we were unable to publish two editions of the journal this year due to a reduction in the number of papers submitted. This may be due in part to the major shift in staffing and priorities during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, coupled with the impacts on research and educational opportunities. We hope that to see an increase in submissions to the journal in the coming weeks and months and will be linking with Specialist Committees and Universities in that regard.

Please do continue to send in papers for the journal. We have an open submission process across the year. All manuscripts are subjected to independent peer review. Accepted manuscripts will be published in the next available edition of the journal, either June or December. The APCP journal welcome submissions on; Original Research Papers, Scholarly Papers, Case Studies and Case Series, Audit Reports, Masterclass, Review Papers, Technical Evaluations, Service Development Reports, Abstracts of Theses and Dissertations and Letter to the Editor. If you are considering a submission and have further questions, please contact the journal via e-mail – journal@apcp.org.uk