

Dear SASCRO member,

I am delighted to let you know that SASCRO will soon be launching a peer-reviewed journal called the South African Journal of Oncology (SAJO).

SAJO will both provide an academic voice and also support our South African oncology community in its provision of high quality care for patients with cancer. I believe that SAJO will have a special role in the development of oncology globally.

- SAJO will feature peer-reviewed articles on original research, practice guidelines, reviews, editorials, case studies, scientific letters and conference reports
- SAJO will be open-access and on-line. The articles will be searchable by all the major search engines.
- I have humbly accepted the nomination to be the Chief Editor in the initial years. The Associate Editors are Prof Hannah Simonds, Dr Alistair Hunter (Radiobiology) and Dr William Shaw (Medical Physics)
- An Editorial Board has been appointed with national representation. The Editorial Team includes Clinical and Radiation Oncologists, Medical Oncologists, Paediatric Oncologists, Haematologists, Medical Physics and Cancer Biologists.
- An International Advisory Committee will be appointed to advise the Editors and promote the journal. We aim for International reach and wish to include publications which are relevant to countries with mixed economies.
- SAJO will seek accreditation both in SA and Internationally. This will take 3 to 4 years.
- SAJO is co-owned by SASCRO and the Publisher, AOSIS. Both have contributed financially to the Journal

The SAJO website will go live in October and publication will begin in 2017. This will be accompanied by announcements to the broader oncology community. Your contributions to the journal will be most welcome.

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