

editorial

Welcome to the new Editor

This journal is one of only a handful publishing in the field of infection control and epidemiology. It is a vehicle for communicating findings, improving knowledge and ultimately building evidence for practices to prevent and control infection. Articles published by infection control professionals communicating their research findings, observations and experiences are the building blocks for the evidence required to continually improve practice.

It has been an honour to serve on behalf of the membership of the Australian Infection Control Association as the Editor of the *Australian Infection Control* journal. During my term, I have striven to continue improving the quality and reputation of the journal and to foster the development of the specialty of infection control. I am now pleased to pass the editorship to Merrilyn Curtis who has been involved with the journal as state representative and as an Assistant Editor. Merrilyn is an asset to the organisation and its publication and I am certain that she will very capably take the journal forward.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all those who have conducted peer reviews for the journal over the past 2 years. Your contribution is absolutely essential to maintaining the professional standard of this publication.

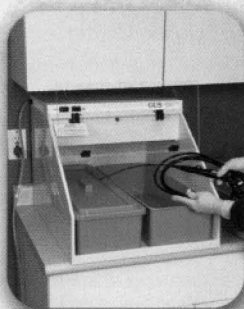
I am very grateful for the contributions of the Editorial Committee members, Marilyn Beattie, Merrilyn Curtis, Joe McCormack, Cathryn Murphy, Tom Riley and Irene Wilkinson over the past year. In particular, I've appreciated the ongoing support and advice offered by Joe McCormack throughout my term.

Australian Infection Control will continue to grow in reputation as more and more infection control practitioners develop the skills and confidence to publish their findings. The value of profiling our significant contribution towards improving health outcomes cannot be underestimated. I strongly urge infection control professionals to contribute to the development of their specialty through publication.

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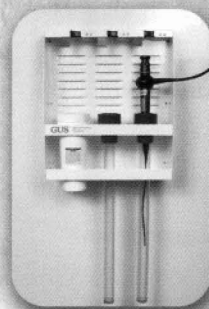
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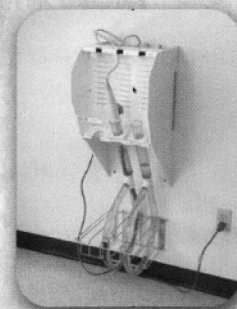
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