

The end of an era!

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The journal has been available as a print version as well as online since its inception—but no more. The European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) board took a decision earlier in October/November to cease production of the print version with immediate effect. This means that the November issue is the last print version available and unfortunately the news came too late to mention this in the November issue. The change has significant implications for the editorial team, the publisher, advertisers and of course you as a reader. Discussions have started to plan the way forward and this includes a possible eBook edition for each issue, a greater number of pages per issue and whether to continue with six issues per year. The January issue has 92 pages and this will rise to 100 pages from the Congress (March) issue. Many of you will be aware of the difficulties of accessing the journal via the EAHP

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website but I have been assured that work is planned to improve this.

This development led me to consider how it would impact my reading of *EJHP* in the future—yes I do read quite a bit of it! Like others I sometimes start at the back and work forwards but how to do this in the future? A tablet computer will probably help.

All this reminded me of a piece in *Bandolier*¹ some years ago on evidence-based reading in bed. *Bandolier* was written by two colleagues in Oxford and was broad sheet containing topics on evidence-based medicine, aimed at general practitioners and quite influential in its day. A coffee table discussion led to a challenge issued to readers to come up with suggestions on how to read in bed with a prize for the best. There were some remarkable responses!² One person suggested that they projected their book on to the ceiling so they could read lying on their back. Another suggested clipping a journal onto a lamp. The winner suggested getting

a butler or similar to read until you fall asleep! However, there were adverse events! One surgeon reported on a patient who got up in the night, slipped on his pile of journals next to the bed and fractured his neck of femur.

However you decide to read the journal in future, I hope you will continue to benefit from the published research and use it to develop your practice. When all is said and done it is published for you.

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