

Editor's Corner

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The summer is well on its way, the days are longer and people are thinking about vacations. So, I'm especially grateful to my two new Associate Editors for helping with this issue of the newsletter, as well as the other assistant editors. The newsletter is a great way to contribute in a convenient and useful way to the society. I encourage anyone with an interest in writing to contact either one of the Communication Chair people (Drs. Malviya and Kinder-Ross) or myself.

We have another amazing letter from Africa from Dr. Mark Newton, my former colleague at Children's in Denver who has spent several years living and working in Kijabe, Kenya. I find his insights unique and thought provoking. Mark trained in traditional "American Medicine" in Houston and Colorado. He practiced as a pediatric anesthesiologist for a number of years at the Children's Hospital Denver, before fulfilling his life long dream of going to Africa to practice medicine. I have personally felt honored to know him and I truly hope you enjoy his letters as much as I have. If any of you have other unique medical experiences to share that you think the members of the SPA might enjoy, please let me know.

Dr. Mancuso has done his usual stellar job of moderating the debate between the pros and cons of Private Practice and Academic Practice in Point/Counterpoint.

Another somewhat different contribution in this issue is from a current resident at the University of Colorado, who hopes to be a Pediatric Anesthesiologist in the near future. He describes his experiences as an anesthesia resident at Tulane during and in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in this issue's Fellow's Corner.

Dr. Lauro's *Nuisance or Nightmare* is a look at what to do with the child with no IV access in an emergency situation. Drs. Gooden, Khambatta and Kussman have provided their usual excellent literature reviews.

I hope everyone has a great summer!