

Future Rheumatology to relaunch as the *International Journal of Clinical Rheumatology*

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Welcome to the first issue of Volume 4 – I hope that readers like the new look for the journal in 2009. In addition to a redesign of the cover, there has been a change to the title. Until this year this journal comprised part of Future Medicine's *Future* journal series. Titles in the series highlight advances in molecular medicine and present this progress in a translational context and interpret those advances for the clinical setting.

However, the field is now maturing and has become populated with a significant armamentarium of medicines. To reflect the important international status of rheumatology as a clinical specialty, *Future Rheumatology* is now titled the *International Journal of Clinical Rheumatology* from this February 2009 issue onwards. Coverage will address contemporary issues in the clinical management of rheumatological disorders such as rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, gout and systemic lupus erythematosus.

We are always interested in proposals and suggestions for future coverage in the *International Journal of Clinical Rheumatology*. In the first instance, a working title and very brief outline together with anticipated submission date help us to assess suitability and schedule appropriately. We are also encouraging authors to publish their clinical study results within the *International Journal of Clinical Rheumatology* and share with our readers their experience in implementing effective programs of therapy. Original research and review articles are all subject to peer review, with three independent assessments per article. Coming issues will continue to deliver the commentary, analysis and news and views that readers have previously enjoyed.

We hope that you enjoy this more 'rounded' approach to our coverage over coming issues and welcome your input and feedback about the journal at any time.



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