

## Time to ponder

The 'Opinion' piece in this issue of *SAJOG*, 'Colleague bashing is unprofessional behaviour',<sup>[1]</sup> was chosen to coincide with the SASOG Update Conference. We hope that all the delegates will read and reflect on the contents of this interesting article. Keeping with topical themes, an article reporting screening and a brief intervention for intimate partner violence among antenatal care attendees at primary health care clinics by Matseke and Peltzer<sup>[2]</sup> gives us some ammunition to fight this scourge.

We are fortunate to have reports from three randomised trials: on the effect of mefenamic acid and naproxen on heavy menstrual bleeding by Khajehei *et al.*,<sup>[3]</sup> on pregnancy outcome in asymptomatic women with abnormal vaginal flora without any treatment and after treatment with vaginal clindamycin and clotrimazole by Gupta *et al.*,<sup>[4]</sup> and on the effect on labour of beta-adrenergic blocking with propranolol by

Cilliers *et al.*<sup>[5]</sup> Randomised trials are what this journal would like to encourage!

Two other interesting and relevant articles – a laboratory service provider perspective on the cost and cost-effectiveness of conventional and liquid-based cytology in South Africa by De Jager *et al.*<sup>[6]</sup> and a study of pregnant women's views and attitudes regarding decision making for late termination of pregnancy for severe fetal anomalies by Ndjapa-Ndamkou *et al.*<sup>[7]</sup> – round off an interesting edition. We hope you enjoy it!

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