Inconsiderate CPD decision

To the Editor: I was surprised and indeed indignant to read in the January SAMJ that as from the end of February, manually completed CPD questionnaires would not be accepted.

Is this a not-so-subtle ploy to ensure that older practitioners cannot meet the CPD requirements and are therefore deregistered? Many older doctors are not computer literate and this decision means that the simplest way of acquiring CPD points is no longer an option for them. I thought your comment in the Journal – the equivalent of ‘hard cheese’ – was inappropriate.

Apart from lack of expertise, the cost of sitting on line, on a dial-up line, while completing the questionnaire is prohibitive – all in all a bad and inconsiderate decision from SAMJ management. To quote you know who – ‘It is totally unacceptable’.

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