

Editorial

The future's bright, the future's now, the future's.... radiology

All decades have their focus on a particular specialty – mirrored somewhat by editors of the Ulster Medical Journal. The previous decade had great advances in neurological diagnosis when Dr Mark Gibson, a neurologist, was the editor. Similarly the decade before was a golden age for endocrine advances under the editorship of Professor David Hadden. Major advances in genetics – my own specialty – have been made in recent times. We can stretch the analogy (perhaps thin enough you may think!) to the founding editor Dr RH ('Dickie') Hunter and the advances in embryology in the 1930's¹. The newest advance is medical imaging with radiologists now able to access every orifice in the body and withdraw fluids from therein, having often carefully looked beforehand in great detail at where to go, with sophisticated digital pictures. We have had an increase in imaging figures submitted with manuscripts, and over the next decade we can expect to see more.

My paternal grandfather was a watchmaker, and his brother - my great uncle - a photographer. They had adjacent shops in the town of Crumlin, and were affectionately known as 'Timex and Kodak'. A family history of watchmaking is

handy for editing, as lots of papers often come in 'kit' form – as Professor David Hadden so perceptively recognised previously² - and thus need some help from the Editor to assemble. It has been a pleasure to help so many emerging authors and see papers published by medical students and young doctors rise steadily over the years. I'm not sure if photography is in the blood, but you can judge my choice of photos for yourself however, in that this editorial has less text and more pictures – I've chosen one of my favourite figures from each issue of the journal between 2005 and 2009. See if you can guess what they are.

Keep sending in your good papers (with well annotated images of course) to Dr Barry Kelly. The journal wishes him well.

Patrick J Morrison, Honorary Editor, 2005-2009.

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Fig. Collage of figures from top left, the two issues of 2005, followed by three issues of 2006-2009. The last figure is Dr Barry Kelly himself!