

Vale Carl Edmonds

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my diving medical colleagues, and my fellow divers, for their generous help and comradeship over the last 50 years. I have now retired from active medical practice in this my octogenarian year and with diminishing vision and slower synapsing of the little grey cells. Snorkelling is now my thing. I have donated my library (i.e., my research resource) to the Hyperbaric Unit in Hobart, and also no longer have secretarial access. All I have to offer now are anecdotes and experience – a euphemism for remembered mistakes! – and then only over a glass or two of wine.

My previous overviews of diving medicine, international, Australasian and personal, were described in the *SPUMS Journal*.^{1,2} Most of my research, reviews and lectures were also reported there and my admiration abounds for this publication (now *Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine*) and its editors.

2015 was my swan song. I updated our free internet text, *Diving Medicine for Scuba Divers*, on the <www.divingmedicine.info> site. There is no copyright, so please use it as you wish. Informative chapters can be downloaded for specific patients. With the assistance of Mike Bennett, John Lippmann and Simon Mitchell, we published the fifth edition of *Diving and Subaquatic Medicine* – a best seller for 40 years!

My greatest satisfaction of 2015 came as we finally comprehended the conundrum of scuba divers, pulmonary oedema (SDPE), after more than a decade of analysing detailed case histories, investigations and experiments.³ I agree with Charles Dent and Oliver Sacks – our patients teach us more than our surveys and statistics.

Thank you all.

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Editors note: Carl is a Founder Member of SPUMS, a former Editor of the *SPUMS Journal* and an indispensable resource of diving medical knowledge for as long as this Editor can remember. You may think that you have retired Carl, but I'll still find you for advice wherever you are!