

Gut

EDITORIAL

The heavy thud as the current issue drops through the letter box heralds the first of three 'bumper' issues of *Gut*, each with 172 pages instead of the usual 124, and from January 1992 the journal will be increased to 144 pages per issue. In addition, the abstracts for the scientific meetings of the British Society of Gastroenterology will be published in 1992 as a separate camera-ready supplement and circulated in advance of the meeting. The 100 or so pages thus released annually will be used to increase the number of published scientific papers still further.

These positive developments will reduce the interval from acceptance to publication of scientific papers from 11 to four months. This major improvement in the service to authors

will ensure that new work is published as rapidly as possible and it will also keep our readers in the forefront of scientific advances.

The journal now offers both a rapid peer review decision on submitted manuscripts and a short interval between acceptance and publication.

The 'bumper' issue this year will be published without additional charge, but there will inevitably be an increase in 1992 to ensure that these improvements can be sustained. We believe, however, that the greatly improved service to authors and readers will more than justify the increased subscription.

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