



South Africa's Department of Health can ill afford to pay for costly interventions when cheaper alternatives exist. A recent Treasury report made it clear that the health sector needed to make efforts to achieve optimal value for money; insisting on a better price for PCV would be a good place to start.

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A jaw for a tooth

To the Editor: I fully support the sentiments expressed by Dr N T Ospovat¹ when he criticised the Editor for producing an editorial which has little to do with medicine and much to do with politics.²

It is not the province of the Editor of the *SAMJ* to embark on a career of political journalism in our journal. He has abused his position as Editor and foisted upon us his naïve and bigoted political views. In most Western countries, the Editor would be asked to resign, in consequence.

He owes the medical fraternity an apology.

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