less comparison between sites until we are more certain about what works best. The editor has put together a series of short papers which cover one or other aspect of outcome research. Written by a variety of health professionals, they are presented in the spirit that 'at this stage the benefits of diversity probably outweigh the disadvantages'. However different it will look in a few years' time, outcomes research is here to stay, and readers of SAMJ would do well to include this book in their reading lists.

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