

EDITORIALS

Journal of Hospital Medicine in 2014 and Beyond

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2013 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR JHM

As the field of hospital medicine continues to grow and prosper, so does the *Journal of Hospital Medicine* (JHM). For JHM, 2013 reflected the field's growth with continued excellence, as manifested in a number of ways.

First, submissions to JHM rose more than 25% over 2012, with the majority of this growth coming in the form of original research, a key indication of vigorous growth in hospital medicine. Growth in submissions was accommodated through a switch to monthly publication frequency, allowing the journal to keep acceptance rates equivalent over time.

Second, peer review time has markedly improved, with average times to first decision falling from more than 35 days in 2011 to fewer than 26 days in 2013. At the same time, the time to papers appearing in Early View fell from more than 3 months to under 2 months, and the time to appearance in print fell to 2 months. Time to decision and time to publication are important measures for the journal, as they represent JHM's service to authors while also ensuring timely publication of articles that may have relevant external context.

Third, the journal continues to garner attention from the press and frequent downloads by readers (Table 1). The most widely downloaded papers of the last 12 months provided evidence-based guidelines for medication reconciliation and transitions programs, key features of hospital medicine practice. At least as importantly, clinical research articles were also frequently mentioned in the press and downloaded, and many of these important papers were published in the last year.

Fourth, JHM implemented a social media strategy including Twitter and Facebook efforts that have resulted in rapid follower growth; the JHM twitter feed has more than 600 followers and a rapidly improving social media influence score.

Finally, the JHM editors remain deeply thankful to the many outstanding peer reviewers who contribute their time and expertise to the journal. Through their

efforts, each article submitted to JHM is improved, whether published or not. Our peer reviewers help the journal, but also play a key role in ensuring the continued growth of the field of hospital medicine. We single out a select few of our most highly regarded reviewers in this editorial (Table 2), and all of our peer reviewers are acknowledged following this editorial.

SO WHAT WILL 2014 BRING?

JHM continues to anticipate growth in submissions and will be working to accommodate need and maintain acceptance rates at a reasonable level. We feel this is a critical strategy for the journal as we seek to increase the level of academic discourse in hospital medicine. The editors will continue to work to ensure that authors receive a fair and expeditious review, one that will produce an article that is improved, whether or not it is accepted in JHM.

We are also pleased to continue to support the Clinical Cases and Conundrums (CCC) series in JHM. The CCC series is a highly respected part of the journal's offerings, and we have sought to improve JHM's

TABLE 1. Most Downloaded Articles of 2013

Article	No. of Downloads
Promoting effective transitions of care at hospital discharge: A review of key issues for hospitalists ¹	4,010
Making inpatient medication reconciliation patient centered, clinically relevant and implementable: A consensus statement on key principles and necessary first steps ²	3,580
Hospital performance trends on national quality measures and the association with joint commission accreditation ³	3,357
Zolpidem is independently associated with increased risk of inpatient falls ⁴	2,376
Project BOOST: Effectiveness of a multihospital effort to reduce rehospitalization ⁵	2,271
Iliac vein compression syndrome: An underdiagnosed cause of lower extremity deep venous thrombosis ⁶	1,466
BOOST and readmissions: Thinking beyond the walls of the hospital ⁷	1,182
Nutrition in the hospitalized patient ⁸	1,181
The FDA extended warning for intravenous haloperidol and torsades de pointes: How should institutions respond? ⁹	1,003
Nurse staffing ratios: Trends and policy implications for hospitalists and the safety net ¹⁰	1,003

NOTE: Abbreviations: BOOST, Better Outcomes by Optimizing Safe Transitions; FDA, US Food and Drug Administration.

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TABLE 2. Top Peer Reviewers for the *Journal of Hospital Medicine* in 2013

Gerry Barber, <i>University of Colorado</i>	Luke Hansen, <i>Northwestern University</i>	Jim Pile, <i>Case Western Reserve University</i>
Joshua Baru, <i>John Stroger Hospital of Cook County</i>	Keiki Hinami, <i>Northwestern University</i>	Jennifer Quartarolo, <i>University of California San Diego</i>
Arpi Bekmezian, <i>University of California Los Angeles</i>	Guibenson Hyppolite, <i>Massachusetts General Hospital</i>	Alvin Rajkomar, <i>University of California San Francisco</i>
Jacob Blazo, <i>Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and Research Institute</i>	Devan Kansagara, <i>Portland VA Medical Center</i>	Maria Raven, <i>University of California San Francisco</i>
Christopher Bonafide, <i>The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia</i>	A. Scott Keller, <i>Mayo Clinic</i>	Allen Repp, <i>Fletcher Allen Health Care</i>
Elizabeth Cerceo, <i>Cooper University Hospital</i>	Scott Lorch, <i>The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and University of Pennsylvania</i>	Stephen Schmalz, <i>The Joint Commission Health Services Research</i>
Chayan Chakraborti, <i>George Washington University Hospital</i>	Henry Michtalik, <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>	Gregory Seymann, <i>University of California San Diego</i>
Chase Coffey, <i>Henry Ford Health System</i>	Hilary Mosher, <i>University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics</i>	Ann Sheehy, <i>University of Wisconsin</i>
Lauren Doctoroff, <i>Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center</i>	Stephanie Mueller, <i>Brigham and Women's Hospital</i>	Daniel Shine, <i>New York University Langone Medical Center</i>
Honora Englander, <i>Oregon Health & Science University</i>	Andrew Odden, <i>University of Michigan</i>	Kevin Smith, <i>Loyola University Medical Center</i>
Matt Garber, <i>Palmetto Health</i>	Vikas Parekh, <i>University of Michigan</i>	Brett Stauffer, <i>Baylor University</i>
Zachary Goldberger, <i>University of Washington</i>	Henry Perkins, <i>University of Texas</i>	Cecelia Theobald, <i>VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System</i>
Paul Grant, <i>University of Michigan</i>	Jason Persoff, <i>University of Colorado</i>	

ability to solicit and publish outstanding clinical cases by enlisting the help of a group of outstanding national correspondents who will work with the CCC series editor, Brian Harte, to turn fascinating clinical cases into outstanding publications.

JHM will continue to work to make as many articles open access as possible. Even though Society of Hospital Medicine members have free full-text access to the journal, many other readers do not have direct access to the JHM articles; we will announce articles that are freely available through our Twitter (@JHospMedicine) and Facebook pages.

In addition, JHM will be announcing new criteria for reporting initial experiences with our evaluations of health system innovations. These criteria will help JHM authors and readers understand whether a quality improvement (or value improvement) program was innovative, whether it is implementable, and whether and how it has impact on patient outcomes.

Finally, JHM will be announcing a new series on healthcare value, to begin in the spring of 2014. More details about this series, which will include reviews of key topics in value improvement written by prominent authors, will be forthcoming. We view this as an incredible opportunity for JHM, and one that will confirm hospital medicine's role as a specialty focused on providing the highest quality and highest value care to its patients.

You should be proud of your journal, and we are pleased to have continued to shepherd its growth over the last 2 years. We look forward to your help in charting JHM's course in 2014 and to continuing to shape the future of hospital medicine.

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