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THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF MEDICAL STUDENTS

The **International Journal of Medical Students** (IJMS) is a peer-reviewed open-access scientific journal, created to share the scientific production and experiences of medical students worldwide.

Our objective is to be the primary diffusion organ for medical students, using standards that accredit the process of scientific publication.

The Editorial Board is formed by Mentors, world renowned physician/scientists from the most distinguished institutions; Editors, who are medical students from all continents with experience in research and the publication process, and Advisors who are physicians starting their careers as investigators. In addition, we have the Support Committee of Public Relations and Communications which is the entity responsible for the diffusion of information on IJMS to medical students and physicians worldwide.

WHY BELIEVE IN IJMS?

With the publication from the Evidence-Based Medicine Working Group in 1992 that a new paradigm for medical practice was born: evidence-based medicine, which has had an impact in every aspect of clinical practice and is penetrating medical education, becoming an increasing part of the skills that are needed to practice medicine.

Under this paradigm, the decisions on diagnosis and treatment are no longer based only on clinical expertise, but the evidence to support it. Even so, many medical students and physicians still have trouble with basic principles of research methodology and don't understand fully what trials mean or their publication process.

Scientific journals fulfill a vital part in the generation of knowledge; it is the intermediate step between discoveries made in the laboratory or practice and their inclusion in books. Thus, the first step in making a contribution to medical sciences is through the publication in scientific journals.

Medical student journals do exist, but they often represent specific groups or local associations. And thus, the International Journal for Medical Students was born, to give a voice to the hundreds, thousands, or millions of medical students worldwide, who actively participate in research and contribute on a day to day basis to the progress of medicine, by creating a world renowned platform of the highest scientific quality, for the publication of their work.

We present to you IJMS, sure that this will be one of those defining moments for the history of medical student publications.

OBJECTIVES

Main Objective:

- To be the main publication platform for medical student's scientific production worldwide.

Secondary Objectives

- Promote active participation of medical students in research
- Increase publication rates among medical students
- Offer training opportunities in the publication process for students and physicians
- Promote cultural exchange and scientific initiatives among medical students worldwide.

VISION

To be the most important cited medical student journal in the world.

IJMS will have a high impact factor.

IJMS will be indexed in the most recognized databases, such as MEDLINE (PubMed).

INTERNAL STRUCTURE

The IJMS is comprised of the following committees:

I. **The Editorial Board**

1. *Executive Committee: Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor, and Scientific Editor.*
2. Members of the Editorial Board
3. Advisors (Support Committee of Junior Investigators).
4. Mentors.

II. **Support Committee on Public Relations and Communications**

1. Director of Public Relations and Communications.
2. Ambassadors.

III. **Peer-reviewers**

IV. **Partners**

V. **Sponsors**

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EDITORIAL BOARD

Entity responsible for the administrative and scientific management of IJMS, as well as the production and regular distribution of the editions of the journal.

EXCECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It is responsible for directing the development and execution of IJMS. It is comprised of the Editor in Chief, Associate Editor and Scientific Editor.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.



Américo Peña-Oscuvilca, MD
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PERU

Graduated with honors from the Universidad Nacional José Faustino Sánchez Carrión, Perú. Member of IFMSA-Peru, participated in FELSOCEM, ex-president SOCIMEP (Sociedad Científica de Estudiantes de Medicina del Peru 2009).

Nominated to the Top Ten of best medical student researchers for 3 consecutive years.

First place in the National Scientific Congress of Medical Students in Peru in Clinical and surgical sciences 2008 and public health 2009.

Author of 19 publications in Peruvian and Latin-American journals.

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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

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Graduated from the Universidad del Valle in Cali, Colombia.

Currently Post-doctoral Research Fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Harvard Medical School.

Awarded scholarship for 2 years of medical training for academic achievement. Ex president of the Scientific Association of Medical Students from the Universidad del Valle ACEMVAL, ex treasurer and vice-president for two periods for the Association of Scientific Societies of Medical Students in Colombia ASCEMCOL, delegate for Colombia to FELSOCM and IFMSA on 3 occasions. Named Honorable member ACEMVAL, chosen for Latin American Initiative Program, Harvard Medical School.

First place in the national contest of original research in the XIX Colombian Student Congress of Medical Investigation, and received honorable mention for high quality in the XXI CECIM. Participated twice as research trainee in the "Epigenetics and Chromatin Dynamics" in the división of gastroenterology and hepatology of Mayo Clinic.

Author of 9 publications, 2 indexed in MEDLINE/PubMed.

SCIENTIFIC EDITOR.

Ilyas Sahin
Hacettepe University
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Graduated with honors from Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey

Currently Post-doctoral Research Fellow at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School.

Awarded with high honors from 2004 to 2011 during his medical studies, obtained a Scholarship for 6 years from the Turkish Society of Cardiology. Given the Serafettin Sabuncuoglu Award by Hacettepe University for Excellence in Internal Medicine and a Publication Encouragement Award by The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey. Chosen for Turkish Initiative Program, Harvard Medical School.

Research Assistant on Developmental and Stem Cell Biology in University of California for one year.

Editor in chief of the Journal of European Medical Students' Association for 3 consecutive years.

Author of 11 publications, 10 Indexed in MEDLINE/Pubmed.

MENTORS

Our mentors are physicians of renowned scientific career, as well as from professionals in other areas, with experience in editorial processes, who will guide the Editorial Board in these matters.



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Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine. Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Senior Associate Consultant, Division of Oncology Research, Department of Medical Oncology and Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Department of Medicine, Mayo Clinic.

Member of 10 national and international associations including the American Association for Cancer Research, American Gastroenterology Association, American Pancreatic Association, among others.

Member of the editorial board of the Journal of Gastrointestinal Cancer, World journal of gastroenterology, Pancreatology and the Journal of Gastrointestinal Cancer. Peer-reviewer in 32 journals.

Author of 45 publications on MEDLINE/PubMed.



**Jorge Gomez Marin, MD, MSc,
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Director of the Center of Biomedical Investigation Manuel Elkin Patarroyo and research laboratory GEPAMOL.

Editor of the Colombian Journal on infectology INFECTIO, recognized worldwide for his studies in *Toxoplasma gondii* and its clinical manifestations.

Author of 46 publications on MEDLINE/PubMed.

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PEER-REVIEWERS

Peer-Review is the critical assessment of manuscripts submitted to journals by experts who are not part of the editorial staff. Peer-reviewers evaluate the scientific quality of the articles assigned according to a pre-established format, attach suggestions or modifications necessary to improve the scientific quality of the articles reviewed and determine whether the article should be accepted for publication or not.

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The *Partners of IJMS* are independent, non-governmental and non-political organizations of medical students, of a country or a group of countries, that have adopted IJMS as a recognized publication by their organization and will provide their institutional support.

These associations can publish the abstracts of their Scientific Meetings as Supplement Issues of the Journal, can submit short communications on the outcomes of such meetings for publishing at the following editions of the Journal, and submit other type of articles in the Special Section of the Journal.

They must participate actively in the activities of the journal, attend the meetings proposed by the Executive Committee, submit a minimum of one article for publication in the journal per issue, and include in their internal communications, promotional material of IJMS.

AMERICA

Colombia:

ASCEMCO - Association of Scientific Societies of Medical Students of Colombia.

Brazil:

COMAPI- Congresso Medico-Academico do Piaui

EUROPE

YES Meeting – Young European Scientist Meeting

ISMCK - International Student Medical Congress Košice

MEDICALIS - International Congress for Medical Students and Young Health Professionals

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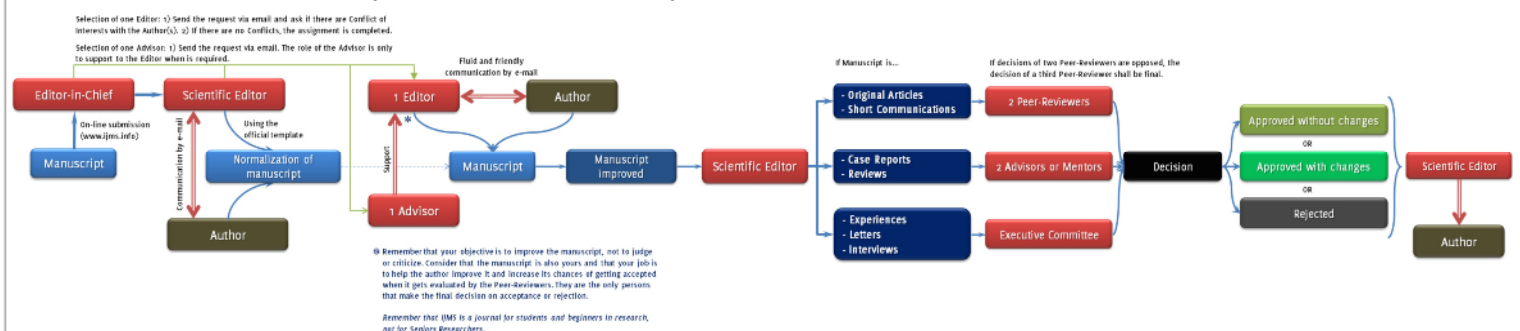
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TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS

1. Original Papers
2. Brief Communications
3. Case Reports
4. Reviews
5. Special Section
(includes Letters to the Editor, Experiences, Interviews, among others.)

IJMS EDITORIAL PROCESS

Editorial Process of the International Journal of Medical Students – IJMS.



DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS FOR INDEXING

Criteria	IJMS	
Have an Editorial Board and an editor responsible for Publication	Editorial Board IJMS – Executive Committee IJMS	YES
Have an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN)	ISSN: 2076-6327 Registered: International Centre ISSN, France.	YES
Target audience	Medical students and International Medical Community.	YES
Periodicity	4 months.	YES
Principal purpose: Publication of Original Research.	Publication of Original Research with variety and innovation in our content.	YES
Present Instructions for Authors.	Available on our website	YES
Peer-Review	Is part of our Editorial Process	YES
Have opening to specialized communities in the area of the journal.	Mentors and Support Committee of Junior Investigators Principal Mentor: Martín Fernández-Zapico, MD (Mayo Clinic) Partners: National/International associations.	YES
Language	English	YES
Aim for Indexation	SciELO, MEDLINE, SCOPUS, ISI Web of Knowledge.	YES
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Registered	Index Copernicus	YES

IJMS DOCUMENTS

These are some of the documents created for IJMS:

- Norms of the International Journal of Medical Students
- Instructions for Authors
- Submission Walkthrough
- Call for Papers
- IJMS Corporate Image Manual
- IJMS Ensign
- IJMS Information Booklet

These among many others that ensure the proper functioning of the Journal.

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