

## ***Annals of Palliative Medicine* is indexed in PubMed**

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Dear *Annals of Palliative Medicine* readers,

We are excited to pass along the great news that *Annals of Palliative Medicine (APM)* will now be fully indexed in PubMed/MEDLINE. All accepted articles of future issues of *APM* will be indexed and available on PubMed, and all previously published *APM* articles will also be searchable in PubMed as soon as the indexation process is finished, which is expected to be completed within the month.

MEDLINE is the U.S. National Library of Medicine® (NLM) premier bibliographic database of citations and abstracts in the fields of medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, health care systems, and preclinical sciences, and it is the primary component of PubMed® (1). As a free resource developed and maintained by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) at the NLM, PubMed is readily updated and is the most frequently used resource for information in the biomedical field (2). The large majority of journals are selected for MEDLINE according to the recommendation of the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC), a National Institutes of Health-chartered advisory committee of external experts (1). *APM* is proud to be among the selected journals that meet the rigorous scientific standards to warrant its being indexed in PubMed.

*Annals of Palliative Medicine* (Ann Palliat Med; Print ISSN 2224-5820; Online ISSN 2224-5839) is an open access, international, peer-reviewed journal published quarterly with both online and printed copies since 2012. The aim of the journal is to provide up-to-date and cutting-edge information and professional support for health care providers in palliative medicine disciplines to improve the

quality of life for patients and their families and caregivers.

*APM* publishes articles in the field of palliative medicine, specific fields related to symptoms management (pain, fatigue, vomiting, delirium, etc.), palliative medicine in different diseases (cancer, AIDS, and other diseases), palliative care in elderly and young, and end-of-life health care, etc., and provides current and practical information on palliative medicine. Contributions pertinent to palliative medicine are also included from related disciplines of oncology, psychology, surgery, nursing, public health, education, nutrition, sociology, ethics and policy, and others. It publishes article types including original articles, review articles, case reports, clinical guidelines, technical notes, perspectives, editorials, and commentaries. It also publishes special issues focusing on selected topics of palliative medicine.

The current Editor-in-Chief is Dr. Charles B. Simone II (Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania), along with Dr. Zhi-Hua Zhu (Sun Yat-Sen University Cancer Center). The journal features a distinguished editorial board, which brings together a team of highly experienced specialists in palliative medicine. The diverse experience of the board members allows our editorial panel to lend their expertise to a broad spectrum of palliative medicine subjects.

*APM* has now published 12 issues in the past three years, including two special issues. The first special issue planned for 2015 “Early Palliative Care”, is a collaboration among leading experts internationally that will be published in July 2015.

Recently, three special columns have been established (3). The “Palliative Radiotherapy Column” was launched in October 2014 and is led by Prof. Edward L. W. Chow

(Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre) and Dr. Stephen Lutz (Blanchard Valley Regional Cancer Center). Both of the column editors are international leaders in palliative radiotherapy who have assembled a group of experts for their Palliative Radiotherapy Subcommittee to make regular article contributions to *APM*. Their introductory article for the column is “Palliative radiotherapy: past, present and future—where do we go from here?” (<http://www.amepc.org/apm/article/view/5012/5882>) (4).

The “Surgical Palliative Care Column” was established by Dr. Geoffrey P. Dunn (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center). As the formerly Chairman of the Surgical Palliative Care Task Force of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), Dr. Dunn is leading a team of surgeons across surgical disciplines who are advancing the field of surgical palliative care and will make regular *APM* contributions. The inaugural issue of the column is “Surgery, palliative care, and the American College of Surgeons” (<http://www.amepc.org/apm/article/view/5640/6433>) (5).

The “Pain Management Column” is to be launched in the July 2015 issue of *APM* and is chaired by Dr. Salahadin Abdi (The University of Texas) and Dr. Sebastiano Mercadante (University of Palermo). We look forward to the initiation of this exciting column and additional new columns and features that are planned for *APM* in the coming issues.

With the indexation of the journal in PubMed/MEDLINE, high quality column articles, cutting-edge original manuscripts, and comprehensive special issues, *APM* is poised to increase its impact throughout the field of palliative care and palliative medicine. In addition to the immediate indexing in PubMed, authors of *AMP* articles enjoy an entire submission and review process that are managed through the OJS system, an easy-to-use electronic

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