



# Top reviewers for *Annals of Palliative Medicine* for 2021

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As part of this issue of *Annals of Palliative Medicine*, we are honored to take the time to acknowledge all of those who have served in the peer review process for the journal.

Peer review is perhaps the most fundamental aspect of publishing in respected medical journals, and it helps to ensure the integrity and quality of the work being published. Specific to *Annals of Palliative Medicine*, those volunteers who have reviewed articles have included leading experts in their palliative medicine fields across all multidisciplinary aspects, including oncology, psychology, surgery, nursing, public health, education, nutrition, sociology, ethics, and policy (1). These reviewers have served to enhance the articles ultimately accepted for publication, which has allowed readers and clinicians to learn from the top articles in our field. These reviewers have also served as gatekeepers of lesser quality article, which has ensured high standards for acceptance for articles in *Annals of Palliative Medicine*.

The enhanced review process was one of the primary improvements for *Annals of Palliative Medicine* in recent years (2), with the journal transitioning to a more transparent peer review process to promote increased

research integrity and reproducibility and allow readers to gain more insights into the merits of a study by being able to see the information on which the editorial office bases its decisions to publish papers, as well as partnering with Publons to further increase the recognition of the contributions of our expert peer reviewers and increase engagement by reviewers.

Below is the list of the top 10 *Annals of Palliative Medicine* reviewers for 2021 (*Table 1*). Each of these reviewers accepted and completed assignments of multiple articles, and they provided high quality reviews that were completed in a timely manner.

Please join me in congratulating and showing your appreciation to the below reviewers, as well as everyone who has reviewed an article for *Annals of Palliative Medicine* in 2021. I also extend warm appreciation for the entire Editorial Board and Editorial Staff of *Annals of Palliative Medicine*, whose tireless work has served to secure *Annals of Palliative Medicine* as one of the top journals in the fields of palliative care and palliative medicine. We always welcome new reviewers to join our team, and if you are interested in becoming a reviewer, please contact us at [apm@amepc.org](mailto:apm@amepc.org).

**Table 1** Top reviewers for *Annals of Palliative Medicine* in 2021

Reviewer	Affiliation
Tony Ryan	University of Sheffield, Sheffield, United Kingdom
Meda E. Pavkov	Department of Clinical Diabetes and Epidemiology, Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute, Melbourne, Australia; Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia; Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Institute of Public Health, College of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Gondar, Gondar, Ethiopia; Chronic Kidney Disease Section, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Phoenix, AZ, USA; and Division of Diabetes Translation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA, USA
Takayuki Takeda	Department of Respiratory Medicine, Uji-Tokushukai Medical Center, Kyoto, Japan
Siok Siong Ching	Changi General Hospital, Singapore
Anna Oriani	Department of Palliative Care, Oncological Institute of Southern Switzerland, Bellinzona, Switzerland
Kwok Ying Chan	Chief, Palliative Medical Unit, Grantham Hospital, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong, China
Szymon Skoczynski	Department of Pneumology, Medical University of Silesia in Katowice, Katowice, Poland
Mandeep Singh Rahi	Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine, Yale-New Haven Health Bridgeport Hospital, Bridgeport, CT, USA
Kyung Soo Kim	Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, St. Mary's Hospital, Seoul, Korea
Kazuto Tajiri	Department of Gastroenterology, Toyama University Hospital, Toyama, Japan

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