CALL FOR ASSOCIATE EDITORS
THE JOURNAL OF CANCER SURVIVORSHIP: RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

The journal is now in its sixth year of operation. It is indexed in all major search engines including Journal Citation Reports, and received its first Impact Factor of 2.629 in June 2012. The journal disseminates information generated from an international multidisciplinary group of researchers and practitioners. The number of submissions has increased to the point that JCS will be better served by a group of Associate Editors from several disciplines who can help maintain the journal’s focus on the timely publication of quality submissions.

The journal is seeking a group of 6-7 Associate Editors in the areas covering health care (oncology, primary care medicine, nursing), lifestyle health (health behavior change), epidemiology (descriptive, biostatistics, quantitative methodology), health services (access, cost, quality), rehabilitation (physical medicine, physical therapy), and qualitative methods.

Associate Editors will be involved in the following: 1) provide an early decision of whether a submission should go forward with the review process, 2) select reviewers at times requiring timely communication with various Editorial Board members, 3) coordinate the review process through revision (if necessary, select alternative reviewers, constructively communicate with authors, 5) submit timely decisions with brief rationale along with review, 6) review revisions, 7) determine whether revision should be sent to original reviewer, 8) proof the editor PDF draft of the assigned manuscript. The review process may involve communication with the Springer production group within 8-10 hours following the initial email contact by a member of the production staff. The final acceptance decision is made by the Editor in Chief in email consultation with the Associate Editor’s input and reviewer’s comments.

This is a voluntary position; however, you do receive a complimentary subscription to the journal and on-line access. This activity also provides you with the opportunity to help develop and disseminate knowledge in this area. There will be instances where you will be instrumental in the revision process and play a role in improving the final message transmitted to researchers, providers and survivors. Associate Editors ideally will play a role in referring authors to JCS who have presented research, clinical, or policy-related papers at scientific meetings or other venues. Associate Editors may also provide ideas for a special section or issue of the journal. These activities, while not essential, provide another opportunity for Associate Editors to influence knowledge dissemination in this area.

Every effort will be made to minimize the time allocated to this activity through the use of the automated Editorial Manager system and highly responsive Springer production support. Currently, JCS processes approximately 20 plus manuscripts per month. However, there is all indication that once JCS receives an impact factor score this number will increase.

If this opportunity is of interest to you please submit a brief letter indicating areas of competence along with your CV to jcancersurvivorship@gmail.com. Submit all material no later than October 1, 2012. Individuals will be selected on a rolling basis.

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