

## Editorial

### The Journal of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research is a decade old

It is hard to believe that the journal has just passed the 10-year mark. So many things have happened and changed, but that is rather typical or routine in these changing times. The journal was launched by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and Pharmaceutical Press staff handled all of the production and administrative obligations. After several years, the task of producing the print and electronic versions was delegated to the Wiley-Blackwell Publishing organization in Oxford, UK with the same founding editor. In the first 5 years, only about 100 manuscripts were submitted for publication consideration each year from about 10 countries.

In 2017, it was decided to publish only an online edition which would reduce printing and postage expenses and allow more pages per issue, meaning that we could publish more peer-reviewed quality articles. The quarterly publication schedule continued.

In 2020, there was a seamless transfer of publication responsibilities from Wiley to the Oxford University Press, which is responsible for this issue of JPHSR. The only constant has been growth. We now receive at least 200 manuscripts annually from authors in nearly 30 countries. Subscriptions have increased each year. Most are license packages from universities offering their students and faculty members with unlimited access to current and past issues.

We have become a bit more selective in accepting manuscripts and now close to 50% of submissions are rejected by our growing list of peer reviewers who number over 300 and who reside in 50

countries. During this decade, pharmaceutical health services research has been incorporated into the curriculum at a majority of pharmacy faculties world-wide and the number of MS and PhD programs has more than doubled.

Accompanying this growth, the journal has need for additional peer reviewers and editorial board members. Most editorial board members served as reviewers and their work was recognized by an invitation to join the board. However, this is not the only pathway. Readers are encouraged to nominate themselves or others for peer reviewer duties. Typically, a reviewer is called upon only once or twice a year.

We look forward to continued growth in quality and quantity with the Pharmaceutical Society and with the Oxford University Press in the coming years. It has been my pleasure and honor to edit the journal for this past decade. And lastly, please know that your suggestions and comments are always welcome (awertheime@nova.edu).

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