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Growing Up Fast!

The third year in the life of *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes* has shaped up nothing short of spectacular. As of June 30, 2019, we have processed 254 manuscripts since the Journal opened for submissions in February 2017. Of these, 133 were accepted, for an overall acceptance rate of 52%. Of those submissions, 70% were referrals from *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* with or without reviews and the rest were direct submissions to *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes*. As expected,[1] the acceptance rate is highest for manuscripts that were referred with reviews (73%) and lowest for direct submissions (43%). The majority of accepted manuscripts came from the United States (n=121), followed by the Netherlands, Canada, and Ireland. To illustrate the growth of *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes,* let us compare the year ending on June 30, 2019, with the preceding 12 months: the number of accepted manuscripts grew by 19%, most notably among the manuscripts transferred with reviews (increase over previous year, 50%). It should be noted these manuscripts are only transferred to *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes* if the author agrees to the transfer. We sincerely hope that more authors will agree to such transfers in the future.

In keeping with the stated intent of covering "areas of growth and development in diverse regions of contemporary medicine,"[2] articles recently published in *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes* addressed varied topics such as methodologies for electronic health records implementation,[3] costing analysis of emergency department scribes,[4] bar-code medication administration to reduce patient harm,[5] adverse event attribution in cancer clinical trials,[6] and Good Samaritan laws and graduate medical education.[7] Reflecting our Journal's mission statement of "building upon *innovations* in research, advancing the *quality* of medical and surgical care, and promoting optimal patient *outcomes*,"[8] the material published has featured varying combinations of "innovation,[9]" "quality,[10]" and "outcomes[11]" perspectives in articles for which the primary focus is on common, important, clinically relevant topics.[1]

We are happy to share that manuscripts published in *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes* enjoy wide interest and dissemination. The most frequently accessed article on our website (www.mcpiqojournal.org) was a case report on unusual presentations of vitamin B_{12} deficiency[12] (6,060 requests), followed by an article on the relationship between dog ownership and cardiovascular health[13] (3,195) and a dose-response meta-analysis of coronary heart disease and dietary carbohydrates[14] (590). The most frequently accessed articles on ScienceDirect.com addressed worksite wellness intervention[15] (729 requests), cost comparison of different approaches to sedation during gastrointestinal endoscopy,[16] (455) and a case report on immune-mediated cerebellitis with immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy (410).[17] The article on dog ownership and cardiovascular health was also accompanied by an embargoed press release and widely reported in national news media and television.

None of this would be possible without the highly regarded, engaged professionals who support *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes*. I am extremely grateful to all who have agreed during the past 12 months to contribute to our Journal's growth by serving on our editorial board. The dedicated editorial board of *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes* currently consists of 27 members (12 women, 15 men) from all 3 campuses of Mayo Clinic and 4 other health care institutions. Our editorial board's expertise spans not only internal medicine and its subspecialties, but also surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, emergency medicine, medical informatics, and pharmacy services. Ethics and quality in medicine are also represented by separate experts. Special thanks goes to the senior leadership who continue in double duty as liaisons between the editorial boards of *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* and *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes*: Lori Erickson, MD, David Ballard, MD, PhD, Carl Lavie, MD, and Virend Somers, MD, PhD. I am also extremely grateful to the editor-in-chief of *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, Karl Nath, MD, and his associate editors who constantly go through the extra effort of screening and referring to *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes* manuscripts of high quality that are rejected at *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* because of suboptimal editorial fit. Last but not least, we are also grateful for the unwavering support from the editorial office of *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, who continue to go above and beyond the call of duty by coordinating the manuscript flow between *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* and *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes* and formatting my video summary that accompanies every issue of *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes*.

The most exciting news about the future of *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes* is that beginning in February 2020, we will go from publishing 4 issues per year to 6 issues per year. Our publisher, Elsevier, is currently contributing their invaluable expertise to our ongoing applications for inclusion into Medline, SCOPUS, and Clarivate's Journal Citation Reports. Once *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes* is accepted into Medline (on their timeline), the Journal's PubMed presence will be retroactive to our first issue. The Journal is also available, like other quality Open Access journals, on PubMedCentral.gov. Over the next few months, we will strategically add editorial board members in areas of need, in particular from institutions other than Mayo Clinic and outside North America. With the support of the editorial board, we continue our efforts to increase recruitment of direct submissions to *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes* and shorten time to first decision on manuscripts. We look forward to continuing to work with authors on timely publication and wide dissemination of the Journal's content. As stated previously, authors everywhere can submit through our manuscript portal at https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/mcpiqo, prepared according to the *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes* Instructions for Authors and pertinent health research reporting guidelines promulgated by the Enhancing the QUAlity and Transparency of health Research" (EQUATOR) network. *Mayo Clinic Proceedings: Innovations, Quality & Outcomes* adheres to the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors guidelines on all ethical issues. I am always interested in hearing from readers and potential authors; feel free to write to the editorial office at mcpiqo@gmail.com. And thank you for your support.

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