

Considerations in Medicine

Role Advertisement: Editor-in-Chief

Application deadline: 31st October 2024

Start date: Dependant on availability

BMJ is looking for an ambitious and dynamic Editor-in-Chief to lead *Considerations in Medicine*, a newly relaunched journal within the BMJ portfolio.

About the Journal

Considerations in Medicine is a broad scope multidisciplinary journal that welcomes research and reviews from across all medical disciplines and therapeutic areas. The journal aims to provide a home for all well-conducted research that will help to complete the scientific record. This includes medical research that is robust and reproducible including work showing incremental advances or null results.

Considerations in Medicine is a hybrid subscription journal, offering authors a route to publication, without the barrier of publication fees. We encourage authors to follow the 'green' route to open access (by depositing the Author Accepted Manuscript in an institutional repository) as well as depositing the draft version of their manuscript in a preprint server, like medRxiv.

About the Role

As a general medicine journal, the ideal candidate should be an established researcher or clinician from a speciality within the medical field but with a strong understanding of the multidisciplinary nature of the journal. They must be able to demonstrate the ability to provide feedback across a range of medical specialties.

As Editor-in-Chief, you will act as the journal's ambassador, collaborating closely with BMJ to build *Considerations in Medicine* into a global platform for the dissemination of useful research. Your role will involve upholding the journal's ethical standards and editorial policies, ensuring submissions meet its scientific criteria, and cultivating new areas of content to reflect emerging trends in medicine.

You will be able to utilise your extensive international network of contacts to identify areas of growth and introduce new types of content or emerging subject areas to the journal.

Key Responsibilities

The Editor-in-Chief will be responsible for all content published in the journal, and will:

- Lead the editorial process, ensuring all submissions adhere to BMJ's guidelines for research integrity and scientific methodology.

- Assemble and lead a diverse, international team of associate editors and Editorial board members to cover the broad scope of the journal.
- Maintain and ensure the integrity of the peer review process and publishing ethics, providing guidance to authors and reviewers as appropriate.
- Oversee effective review and assessment of articles, working closely with the editorial team to ensure timely responses to authors.
- Supervise the journal's response to appeals, complaints, suggestions from readers and ethical queries regarding published work.
- Build and maintain collaborative relationships with affiliated organisations and events to advance the journal's international reputation and profile.
- Coordinate and collaborate with editors of related BMJ journals (e.g. *BMJ Open*, *BMJ Public Health*).
- Collaborate with editors from related BMJ journals to further the journal's strategic development.

Requirements

Applicants should have a PhD (or similar qualification) and should be able to demonstrate their status and impact in the field. The ideal candidate will have a strong publication history and have some editorial experience handling manuscripts, possessing critical appraisal skills, a commitment to academic excellence, and strong leadership and interpersonal qualities.

Joint applications are welcomed, and we encourage candidates from all parts of the world to apply. We are particularly interested in candidates who can represent regions where open access fees may pose a challenge to publication.

The successful candidate(s) will be able to assemble a senior team of associate editors to ensure there is expertise to cover the broad scope of the journal, as well as the international audience.

Terms and Benefits

This is an independent contractor position and the proposed term of office is three years with the option to renew under mutual agreement. In collaboration with BMJ, the Editor-in-Chief will be responsible for implementing the editorial strategy and will be accountable for the content of the journal, with support from their appointed editorial team.

Editorial training and technical support will be provided, together with strategic guidance. An annual honorarium and other benefits are provided, as well as experienced editorial office support. The time commitment is estimated at the equivalent of one day per week, but will depend on the structure and size of the editorial team.

Being an Editor with BMJ

As Editor of *Considerations in Medicine* you will benefit from:

- The chance to help shape a journal strategy and contribute to completing the medical record
- An annual honorarium
- Networking events, in-person and virtual, with other BMJ journal editors
- Training and support from BMJ Group
- Opportunities to interact with researchers and clinicians across the world

Application process

To be considered for the role, please send your CV and a covering letter outlining your interest and relevant experience.

Applications and any queries regarding the role should be sent to the journal Publisher, Robyn Taylor (rtaylor@bmj.com). Interviews will be held via video conference.