JMT Approved for Indexing

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According to the Oxford English Dictionary a journal is simply “a register of daily transactions kept by a public body or an association.” While today’s medical journals aren’t usually daily accounts, they do provide a register or record, and they serve to communicate to members and the public at large. Medical journals serve to advance scientific understanding, stimulate discussion, and challenge other researchers to add to our core knowledge. In today’s electronic age, having the keys to easily access these journals is essential. The National Library of Medicine indexes many journals. But they don’t index all journals, and new journals aren’t initially indexed. They have to earn that distinction. Such indexing is never a sure thing. To complicate matters, authors who have submitted their research to the *Journal of Medical Toxicology* (JMT) have done so despite knowing that the journal was not indexed and without a guarantee of future indexing.

I am delighted to announce that the *Journal of Medical Toxicology*, the official journal of the American College of Medical Toxicology published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, has now been reviewed by the National Library of Medicine and has been accepted for indexing and inclusion in MEDLINE/PubMed. This indexing is retroactive to all issues, beginning with the inaugural issue in December 2005.

This was a team effort. ACMT owes its gratitude to a number of its members who spearheaded this effort beginning in 1998 with Paul Pentel who served as the first editor of the *Internet Journal of Medical Toxicology* (JMT’s forerunner) and Keith Burkhardt who persevered to bring creativity and depth to ACMT’s initial effort into medical publishing.

In 2005 the ACMT Board of Directors voted to launch a print journal, the *Journal of Medical Toxicology*. Dedicated to advancing the science and practice of medical toxicology, the Board realized

that this endeavor was not without its risks, and indexing by the National Library of Medicine would be a critical hurdle. Moreover, given the necessity of authors’ recognition by colleagues and the greater medical community through indexing, the lack of inclusion in MEDLINE/PubMed was a potential deterrent to attracting the type of submissions proving the journal’s worthiness for indexing.

ACMT thanks Kevin Osterhoudt, ACMT’s Past-Publications Chair, for spearheading the creation of JMT and finding the University of Pennsylvania Press to partner with this new endeavor, Scott Phillips and Chris Tomaszewski, JMT’s first editors-in-chief, along with Sean Kullman, our first managing editor, who took up the reigns and set the standard for high quality that attracted top notch submissions, and Leslie Dye who has provided considerable assistance as Associate Editor, and who has recently also been named Managing Editor. In addition, we owe our gratitude to the JMT’s Editorial Board: Steven Bird, Richard Dart, Andis Gaudins, Charles McKay, Jeanmarie Perrone, Anne-Michelle Ruha, Marco Sivilotti, Daniel Sudakin, and David Tanen, and JMT Feature Editors: Jeffrey Suchard, Christine Haller, Joshua Schier, and Robert Poppenga, as well as Lewis Nelson, the current ACMT Publications Chairperson. If not for their dedication, JMT would never have advanced beyond the 20 year line. Finally, we would like to thank the authors who took the risk and accepted the challenge by submitting communications about their research efforts to JMT. Without these brave souls, we surely would not have won acceptance into the National Library of Medicine.

To the ACMT membership, we now have a fully indexed journal. Please send your papers for consideration. If it is meant to advance the science and practice of medical toxicology, we want it. This is the journal of the American College of Medical Toxicology. It is your journal. We look forward to your submissions.