
Editor's Note: State of the Journal

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The Israeli Journal of Emergency Medicine is now in its fifth year. I am pleased to report that the state of the journal is excellent.

The successes of IJEM, many of them realized just in the past few months, are demonstrable:

- Development of a web-based version of the journal to accompany and expand upon the print journal. Current material and notices, as well as an archive of past content, may be found at (www.isrjem.org)
- A journal home page that serves as a "portal" to the Israeli emergency medicine community. The home page includes links to the adult and pediatric emergency medicine forums, Cochrane and Pub Med databases, and a multilingual patient handout utility that has been designed by the IJEM editors.
- Incorporation of the Journal into the electronic libraries of several major North American Universities.
- Increased content relating to evidenced based medicine and original EM research.
- Initiation of a peer-review policy that ensures that content is consistent with the international stage that IJEM now shares.
- An expanding editorial board that will be responsible for content in such areas as public health and inner city medicine, ED management and health service delivery, and computing in medicine. The Journal welcomes Dr. Barry Diner as it's new Section Editor for Evidence Based Medicine.

We hope you enjoy Volume 5, Edition 3, of the Israeli Journal of Emergency Medicine. This issue brings a variety of quality content that is structured to inform, to provoke thought, and to stimulate interest in EM practice, teaching, and research.

The coming months will witness further growth for the journal. After almost five visionary years, the founding editor has stepped down. A new Editor in Chief will lead this journal as it further evolves as the official journal of the Israeli Association for Emergency Medicine.

The next edition of this quarterly journal will be on-line in October. Volume 4 will focus on EM radiology. The deadline for submissions is September 15, 2005.

The practice of medicine in any form is a privilege. However, emergency medicine stands apart from all other disciplines. No other specialty calls for such intimate interaction with humanity from all walks of life, in all forms of physical and emotional extremis.

It is our privilege to bring you this edition of the Journal

Sincerely,

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Editor-in-Chief (Acting),

and

The Editors,
Israeli Journal of Emergency Medicine