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Journal Poster Abstract : JPMA, a leading monthly, peer reviewed biomedical journal, founded in 1953 as a quarterly, converted to a monthly in 1957, the first PubMed indexed journal from Pakistan (1975) member of ICMJE since 2009 and COPE, UK, 2010. Original research articles from all fields of Medicine, Clinical & Basic Sciences with emphasis on quality and global relevance are published.

The editor of JPMA, a senior faculty member had a one year term till Dr. Sarwar Zuberi took over in 1974 till her demise in 2004. Associate editor Dr. Fatema Jawad, was selected Editor by the Central council and
continues to date. The policy of the journal is to improve patient care by providing the latest research results and disperse knowledge locally and internationally. Latest biomedical technology and research methodology are included. Publication ethics is strongly emphasized.

The quality of articles has vastly improved and the number of submissions increased. More sections with the recent knowledge on Neurology, Endocrinology, Psychiatry, Diabetology and Learning Research have been included over time. A student’s section was started in 1998 which is managed by a student editor. Aspects developed and given importance are statistical methods, language, presentation, bibliography and ethics which includes plagiarism scans, correct authorship, IRB and non-submission certificates. Peer reviewers are selected on their credentials nationally and internationally. Review is double blind.

Submission of articles is universal. The figures have risen from 245 in 2001 to 650 in 2014. Rejection rate is 47 to 55 percent. The Impact factor for **2014 JCR Data** is **0.414 with total citations of 1430**, highest among biomedical journals of Pakistan.

The JPMA website, started in 2003 has a free access and includes articles from 1978 to date. Future plans include starting new sections on diagnostic images, personal perspectives, and a touching personal experience in clinical life.

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