A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS-IN-CHIEF

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Michigan Journal of Medicine (MJM) - an entirely, student-run journal designed to publish and promote scientific and clinical research generated by the members of the University of Michigan. Students occupy all editorial leadership roles for the journal and supply all content. The journal’s editorial work is conducted under the guidance of faculty at the University of Michigan Medical School, and the issues are produced in collaboration with Michigan Publishing, a division of the University of Michigan Library.

As the new joint Editors-in-Chief for the 2021 - 2022 academic year, we are excited to have the opportunity to support and promote student research.

Sammie Lyons & Anuj Patel
WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM!

2021 - 2022 Editors-in-Chief

**Samantha (Sammie) Lyons**
Samantha (Sammie) Lyons is a third-year medical student taking a leave of absence from medical school to pursue a Master of Science in Clinical Research through the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Her research interests include neuro-oncology, bioethics, and palliative care. She is considering additional training in bioethics before residency via a doctoral program.

**Anuj Patel**
Anuj Patel is a third-year medical student who will soon be pursuing a Master of Science in Clinical Research through the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He is planning on applying into Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery. His research interests include anatomical 3D printing and modeling, obstructive sleep apnea, and LGBTQIA+ health.
Rachel Bergman - Fundraising Editor

Rachel Bergman is a fourth-year medical student with plans to apply into orthopaedic surgery this fall. She completed a research year during 2020 to 2021 to work in the Maerz Lab, where she investigated sex differences in post-traumatic osteoarthritis.

Ramona Bledea - Outreach Editor

Ramona is a third-year medical student currently on a research year working on projects through the Heinz C. Prechter Bipolar Research Program. She is interested in psychiatry and family medicine, and her research interests include clinical informatics.

Cameron Harter, MSc - Managing Editor

Cameron Harter is a second-year medical student finishing her core clinical year. Her research interests include health outcomes related to rare sarcoma cancer and melanoma.

Renaid Kim - Technology Editor

Renaid Kim is a 6th-year MD/PhD student in bioinformatics. His research interests include machine learning with clinical and biomedical data.

Morgan Penny, PhD - Education Editor

Morgan Penny is a second-year medical student who recently defended her PhD in Cancer Biology investigating adrenal cancer and therapeutics targeting the Wnt/Beta-catenin pathway.
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"I graduated from the University of Michigan Medical school in 2019 and served as one of two Editor-in-Chiefs during that year. I worked with David Cron. I'm still here in Ann Arbor and at the University of Michigan starting my 3rd year as a neurosurgery resident. My goal right now is to maintain an academic career within neurosurgery, focusing on skull base tumors. I've continued to be actively involved in a lot of clinical research in cerebrovascular and peripheral nerve surgery. I am planning on transitioning my research interests to focus on neurofibromatosis type 2 and the surgical resection of acoustic neuromas. MJM helped me develop the skills necessary to critically analyze research which is a skill that is expected of clinicians without any formal training. MJM provided a wonderful environment for getting specific instruction and practice in looking through a research article in a stepwise fashion to highlight the paper's strengths and weaknesses. I hope to continue working in editorial endeavors in the future."

Katherine Wolf

"My name is Katherine Wolf and I graduated from UMMS in May of 2021. I was originally a Reviewer for MJM from M1-M3 and then transitioned to Editor-in-Chief as an M4. Destined to be a lifer, I stayed in Ann Arbor for residency as a part of the Physician Scientist Training Program within the Department of Internal Medicine with a fast-track to Endocrinology. For anyone who may be unfamiliar with this program, it is intended for individuals with a heavy research background (PhDs, MS, research fellowships, etc.) who know what specialty they want to practice. Allows residents the opportunity to forego the 3rd year of internal medicine residency if they so choose and begin their fellowship a year early. Following completion of the clinical requirements of fellowship, PSTP participants will complete 3-4 years of research before graduating from the program. Ideally, I would like my practice to be 60% research, 40% clinical with a focus on endocrine-related cancers, specifically pheochromocytoma. My research will mainly focus on novel therapeutic agents and genetic associations of adrenal tumors. Since graduation, I have continued my work with the Stanford Oncology Clinical Trials database and recently submitted an abstract on the association of diabetes in MEN1 patients following pancreatic surgery. The MJM was incredibly valuable in helping me shape my research career. As one of the Editors-in-Chiefs, I got a "behind the scenes" look at what is required after an author submits their manuscript for publication. This has not only been helpful in my own submission processes, but also led to opportunities for me with other journals. Currently, I am a peer-reviewer for three journals related to endocrine oncology and my experience with MJM allowed me to confidently comment/edit on articles from around the world."

David Cron

"I graduated from UMMS in 2018 and was the Co-Editor-in-Chief of MJM during my M4 year. I am currently doing my general surgery residency in Boston at MGH with plans to pursue a fellowship in abdominal transplant surgery. As part of my residency I am doing two years of academic development time with a focus on transplant health services and policy research. My work seeks to understand transplant decision-making around organ quality in attempt to improve the utilization of donor organs and increase access to liver transplantation. After training, I hope to work at an academic transplant center as a surgeon-scientist. My time with MJM taught me how to critically review scientific literature, made me a better writer, and gave me experience running a journal. I will pursue surgical journal editorial positions throughout my career."
Building confidence in reviewing medical research: A pragmatic review of statistics with Dr. Anna Kratz

Dr. Anna Kratz is a clinical psychologist and Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She runs a program of research focused on understanding and treating chronic pain, fatigue, and cognitive dysfunction across a number of conditions, including multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injury, and fibromyalgia. She is passionate about mentoring and training the next generation of health researchers. She is frequently asked to lecture on statistics to a broad range of audiences at the University of Michigan given her “plain talk” and pragmatic approach to teaching data analysis concepts.

August 17 (time TBD) - stay tuned!

Strategies for Leading a Journal Club and Writing Articles, MJM + Medical Student Grand Rounds Collaboration, with Dr. Andrew Ibrahim, Department of Surgery

September 8 (time TBD) - stay tuned!

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ALBERT EINSTEIN
The Medical School Office of Research has compiled an overview of the resources available, both through the office and across the university, for completion of research projects.

https://research.medicine.umich.edu/research-project-lifecycle

Send us information about research opportunities!

Heard of a new mentorship opportunity? In need of assistance on a project? We are looking to compile a database of all faculty and staff open to having medical students join their labs and research groups.

We will publish these opportunities via our newsletters and/or through our listserv.

Please email information about openings and related details of the available projects to Morgan Penny, mkpenny@umich.edu.

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OTHER NEWS

Publishing Schedule Updates
Due to finances, our publication of the 2020 issue was postponed. We anticipate publishing it by the end of this summer.

We are also planning to publish our 2021 issue by early 2022.
Please let us know if you have any questions by emailing editorinchief.MJM@umich.edu!

Call for submissions!
We accept submissions on a rolling basis throughout the year.
To be published in our 2021 issue, submit by October 1st, 2021.

Please submit at: https://journals.publishing.umich.edu/mjm/submissions/

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