JCP: A Look Back, and a Look Forward

2017 marks The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry’s 78th year, and while our publishing formats may evolve, our dedication to clinicians specializing in behavioral health remains constant.

You might have noticed that an increasing number of articles and features appear on our website rather than in print—in fact, over 50% of our articles are online exclusives. This shift is a reflection of the constantly evolving environment of scholarly publishing. Taking full advantage of electronic publishing capabilities allows us to distribute our content more efficiently—meaning that the newest research arrives on your screen and in your inbox as soon as possible.

Speaking of technology, social media outreach has become an essential way in which we connect with recent and established readers of JCP. The importance of these communication channels will continue to grow, especially considering the role of younger physicians and of non-physician health care providers in today’s environment.

JCP’s success can be measured in many ways, and I’m pleased to share with you a few:

**Our citations.**
- Seventh in total citations
- Second-ranked clinical journal

**Our distribution.**
- In print, we reach 36,000 psychiatrists and health care providers worldwide each month
- The JCP website attracts over 100,000 unique visits each month

**Our publishing statistics.**
In 2016:
- 579 articles were submitted
- 29% of submitted articles were accepted
- 260 articles, cases, commentaries, and letters were published (109 in print and 151 online exclusives)

**Our staff.** JCP’s skilled editorial staff, graphic designers, and electronic media professionals fine-tune manuscripts into high-quality, attractive printed and online offerings.

**Our editors.** Editor in Chief Alan J. Gelenberg and Vice–Editor in Chief Marlene P. Freeman set the tone for excellence with their ongoing leadership and vision. Their efforts are joined by those of our special-section editors, all of whom are renowned experts in their areas. And, of course, we thank our many peer reviewers who generously contribute their time to ensure that articles published in JCP are of the highest scientific caliber and clinical value.

**Our social media engagement.**
- Nearly 30,000 followers on Twitter and Facebook
- Nearly 50,000 monthly downloads of our Publisher’s Podcast

**Our CME offerings.** JCP’s program remains strong, with the numbers of CME activities, participants, and certificate holders continuing to rise.

In 2017, we hope you’ll explore all that JCP has to offer, from the many offerings and extensive archive at Psychiatrist.com to our monthly Publisher’s Podcast, which keeps you up to date with summaries of the new research in each issue.

As always, we thank you, our readers, who continue to rely on JCP as an important source of clinical information to assist you in treating your patients. It is for you we strive to achieve the highest standards of publishing.

With gratitude,

John S. Shelton, PhD
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