



A TIME FOR CHANGE!

DEVELOPMENTS 2017

In 2017 the *Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine* (JRM), which is owned by the non-profit organization Foundation for Rehabilitation Information, has undergone a process of rejuvenation.

Immediate Open Access

In January 2017 all papers were made freely available from the first day to anyone with an Internet connection. The JRM website has a complete archive of all articles published since 2001, as well as some earlier papers. These are free for anyone to download for their own use.

New layout for cover and pdfs:

You may have noticed that we have changed the green and yellow-brown colours of the cover into a fresh and modern blue appearance. This was important to symbolize the phase of transition that JRM is currently experiencing. Society changes, research changes, publishing changes, readers and authors change and therefore journals have to adapt and become more transparent in their review procedures, more open to the challenges of electronic publishing, more accessible to a broader range of readers (including patients), facilitate discussions and debate, etc.



Lay abstracts

The introduction of lay abstracts to the JRM website is a success and accommodates our wish to give patients, policymakers, journalists and other taxpayers the opportunity to read and understand the essence of a manuscript. Access to knowledge is a universal human right.

Lay Abstract

Subarachnoid haemorrhage (SAH) can lead to long-term disabilities. It is a major health issue for the affected person and can affect working capacity. We investigated working capacity after SAH with a long-term perspective. Of 30 participants of working age and working capacity at time of the SAH, 73% regained their working capacity during the six-year follow up. The regain of working capacity continued until 2.5 years after the SAH. Less symptoms at arrival to the hospital and low level of dependence at discharge were associated with better chance of regaining working capacity. The results from this study could be useful for individualizing the rehabilitation for the affected person.

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In 2018 we will continue to improve JRM, to prepare it for the challenges of modern scientific publishing and to engage with competition with other journals.

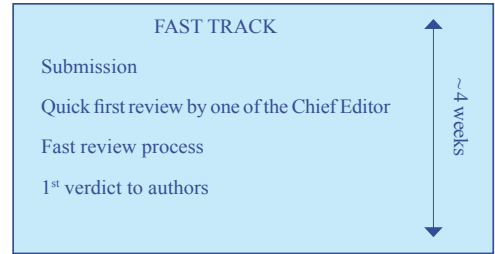
Launching a new journal

It is a privilege to announce the launch of a new rehabilitation journal: *Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine–Clinical Communications* (JRM-CC). This Open Access/online/free journal will provide authors with the opportunity to publish clinical case studies, technical reports, position papers, PhD thesis summaries, and ethical dilemmas. It will also publish clinical guidelines, and other material that is not usually published in scientific journals, but nevertheless is of great interest to clinicians, students and patients. Submissions to JRM-CC will be peer-reviewed by one Chief or Associate editor and one reviewer. The ultimate goal of JRM-CC is not to generate citations and a high Impact Factor, but to create a platform for relevant and interesting information.



Fast track

Another ambition for 2018 is to facilitate authors to submit their best manuscripts to JRM. We will therefore introduce a Fast Track procedure for RCTs and Systematic Reviews. Authors will be informed in advance about the maximum time between submission and all subsequent editorial steps.



Preferred Partner

Finally, we will offer readers the opportunity to become a "Preferred Partner" of JRM. This (free) partnership will allow readers to access an area of the website where they will be authorized to engage in discussion with authors and comment on recent papers. We intend to create a safe and civilized space to stimulate academic exchange of ideas and opinions. Furthermore "Preferred Partners" will be updated once a month on new publications in JRM and JRM-CC and other relevant information.

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The editors and management of JRM wish our readers, authors and reviewers all the best in 2018!

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