

The editors of MSRJ are excited to announce our Winter 2015 issue. As always, we were incredibly impressed by the caliber of submissions. This issue includes interesting articles written by medical students from UC Davis College of Medicine and Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

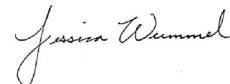
Since the release of our last issue, we have been astounded by the number of submissions received. We are always honored when medical students choose our journal to showcase their work, and we are very thankful to all of our authors. Because we want to ensure prompt publications to our authors, we have made the decision to modify our submission and publishing process. The changes are as follows: removal of submission deadlines, implementation of rolling submissions, and starting an e-publication process. What does this mean? Manuscripts submitted to our journal will be reviewed in the order in which they are received, —as has always been our policy. However, now, they will be electronically published as soon as they are ready. These online publications will then be combined into a full issue at our normal publication dates. We believe this will allow articles that are polished when submitted to go through the process more quickly and prevent articles that may need more time in the reviewing/editing process from holding up any particular issue. We hope that this solution will satisfy our authors and provide our readers with a steadier stream of articles to enjoy.

As this issue goes to print, our annual Spring student elective has come to a close. We hold this student elective every year to cater to students interested in being part of the MSRJ editorial staff and for those who wish to familiarize with the reviewing and publishing process. The elective continues to grow in popularity and we are always excited to meet a new group of students interested in the MSRJ. This year, we were impressed with all those who completed the course, many of whom will be joining our editorial staff for the upcoming year.

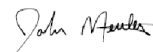
In addition, we will be making the transition to our new executive leadership staff within the coming month. Jessica Wummel and Jack Mettler will be graduating this year and moving on to residency. They were honored to serve as Executive Editors for the past year and will continue to be involved in MSRJ as much as they can. Jessica will be moving on to complete a residency in medicine/pediatrics at the University of Michigan, and Jack will be starting his residency in radiology at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. Kailyn Vitale, an incoming fourth year, has been elected as the new Executive Editor-In-Chief and James Polega, an incoming third year, and Rama Salhi, an incoming fourth year, have been elected as Executive Editors. We are very excited for these outstanding students to take over leadership of the journal. They have shown tremendous commitment over the years in working with MSRJ and we cannot wait to see where they take the journal.

As always, we would like to thank the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine for their continued support. In addition, we would like to acknowledge the hard work of our talented staff; without them, this journal's success would not be possible. We hope that our readers will continue to follow the progress of the MSRJ both on Facebook and Twitter, and on our website at <http://www.MSRJ.org>. Please continue to send your manuscripts to us; we welcome reading all of the amazing work from our fellow colleagues.

Sincerely,



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