

Background

In light of the U-M Medical School curriculum revisions, the Department of Surgery has taken an active role expanding elective offerings.

Actions

- The Medical School and Michigan Publishing, a division of the University of Michigan Library, are collaborating to produce and publish the *Michigan Journal of Medicine*.
- The student senior editors (all M4s) are enrolled in a yearlong credit-based course throughout which they will gain experience with all aspects of medical publishing, from contracts and copyright to peer review.
- Parallel to their coursework, the editors recruit, review, and accept submissions for the first issue of the journal, scheduled to publish in May 2016.
- Michigan Publishing will work with the students throughout the year to plan and execute the first issue, and will also serve as the host for this open-access, online journal.

Follow Up

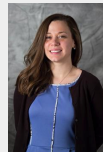
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Cultivate physician scientists

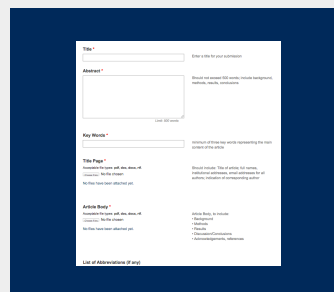
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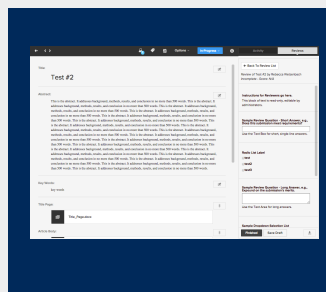
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Submission Review Page



Results

The Call for Papers was just announced, so results for the first issue of the journal remain to be seen. More broadly, this journal has already provided opportunity to establish new working relationships between the Medical School, the University Library system, and Michigan Publishing. The Journal concept has been recognized by the University's Third Century Initiative with a "Quick Wins" grant.

Lessons Learned

- The development of *MJM* as a concept and then as an actual journal has allowed the students to learn about the processes of scientific and medical publishing.
- Students will gain an understanding of the role of an academic in medical publishing.
- Students will learn how to prepare manuscripts and be effective reviewers, and will ultimately become better scientific communicators.
- Students will develop leadership skills to effectively manage a medical journal. These skills will be essential as they build successful careers in academic medicine.

The Future

- Review & select submissions
- Production begins
- Launch first issue, May 2016