

Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society

About the Journal

The *Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (JPIDS)*, the official journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, is dedicated to perinatal, childhood, and adolescent infectious diseases. The publisher is Oxford University Press.

The journal is a high-quality source of original research articles, clinical trial reports, guidelines, and topical reviews, with particular attention to the interests and needs of the global pediatric infectious diseases communities. The journal's current (2020) Impact Factor is 3.164.

JPIDS received 834 manuscript submissions in 2020. Year-to-date in 2021, submissions are 423. The overall acceptance rate is 21.5%. 37% of papers are rejected without external review. Time to first decision is 28.7 days.

The Editor-in-Chief will consider all submissions, conduct initial triage, assign to the appropriate specialty or editor, as well as meet weekly with AEs to discuss selections for peer review, content development, commissioning, and solicitation.

The EIC role is expected to require approximately 20% effort. This could vary predicated upon the assignment of a Deputy Editor (DE) and the role the DE plays.

Description of Responsibilities

The Editor-in-Chief (EIC) shall strive to:

- Publish the most authoritative, innovative and highest quality basic, clinical, and translational research from the global community of authors in the broad field of pediatric infectious diseases, including virology, bacteriology, mycology, parasitology, and immunology;
- Identify emerging areas of importance and actively solicit the best work being done in those areas;
- Assist in development and review of supplements proposed by PIDS members;
- Ensure that attention is paid to the principles of diversity, inclusion, access and equity in all journal-related activities and relationships;
- Promote the scientific exchange of ideas to advance the field and related areas of interest to the readership of the journal;
- Take full advantage of web-based journal features, including virtual issues, podcasts, webinars, blogs, and social media activities.

Governance

The EIC reports to the PIDS Board of Directors and the Society's Publications Committee, which oversees PIDS publications. The Publications Committee's charge is to support the EIC and editorial team and to oversee the Society's journal and other publications from the aspects of strategy, finance, relationship with publisher and management. The Publications Committee is responsible for evaluating the EIC's fulfillment of responsibilities based on objective criteria established by the Committee, with the approval of the Board. The EIC has total responsibility

for the content of the journal within the page limits and other criteria agreed in the Oxford University Press-PIDS publishing agreement.

Editorial Responsibilities

The EIC, upon the advice of the Editorial Board, shall have complete and final authority for the selection, editorial modification and quality of all materials published. The specific responsibilities of the EIC shall include:

- Establishing the Editorial Board for the journal (Associate Editors and Editorial Board Members), consisting of distinguished international researchers, scientists, and practitioners across the field. The EIC will demonstrate commitment to the principles of diversity, inclusion, access, and equity in terms of editorial and reviewer recruitment and author relations.
- Working with the Society and the publisher to develop strategies for editorial development of *JPIDS*, including deploying electronic features available through the publisher's journal website, developing plans and strategies to attract the most impactful papers to enhance the journal's Impact Factor and attending strategy and planning meetings arranged by the Society or the publisher.
- Engaging the Editorial Board in discussing continuous improvement and development of the journal and facilitating their understanding of criteria for selecting papers and expanding coverage in new areas.
- Arranging appropriate, timely and efficient peer-review procedures for the contributions submitted for publication in the journal and utilizing the manuscript tracking system provided by the publisher.
- Preparing, in conjunction with the Publisher, semi-annual reports to the PIDS Publications Committee and Board of Directors, showing the acceptance rate, rate of submission, origin of submitted and accepted papers, time lag to first decision and final decision and other statistics that will indicate the health of the journal.
- Ensuring that his or her conduct conforms to the highest standards of professional conduct and scientific integrity, including strict adherence to the PIDS conflict of interest policies; is consistent with all applicable laws, regulations and publication standards and reflects positively on PIDS; and promotes the same standards of conduct by the Associate Editors and other members of the editorial team.
- Securing from all members of the Editorial Board conflict of interest disclosures and submitting his or her own conflict of interest statement annually to the PIDS Executive Director and securing from all authors appropriate conflict of interest disclosures.

Term

The EIC will serve a single one-time term of five (5) years, commencing Jan. 1, 2022 and ending Dec. 31, 2027, with the possibility of one additional 5-year term with mutual agreement of the EIC and the PIDS Board of Directors.

Honorarium

PIDS will pay the EIC an annual honorarium as approved by the PIDS Board of Directors.

Editorial Budget

The EIC must adhere to the editorial budget, which includes approved expenses. The EIC must notify staff in August of any desired increases in expenditures for the following year.