



EDITORIAL

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Increasing the Online Presence of the *AANA Journal*

We are pleased to announce a new feature in *AANA Journal*—an increased online presence. Beginning with this issue, various content departments typically published in the print issue will now be published solely online at aana.com. Additional articles may also be published only online, as well. This online content will have been accepted for publication using the same stringent, double-blinded process used for the content published in the print edition of the *Journal*. The online content will also be indexed by PubMed/MEDLINE and will be highly visible to researchers and scholars. By publishing columns, book reviews, the annual index, and other similar content online only, we will be able to publish additional case studies and research papers in each print issue.

Backstory/Timeline

- In March 2008, the *Journal* transitioned to an online manuscript submission and peer review tracking system called Editorial Manager. In the 8+ years since, manuscript submissions to the *Journal* have more than doubled, from 70 in 2008 to 145 in 2016.
- The fiscal year 2016-2018 AANA strategic priorities also include the directive to implement a digital strategy.
- What were initial discussions about an increased online presence for the *Journal* became more focused.
- A subsequent analysis of *Journal* content in the six issues published

in 2016 found approximately 60 pages devoted to Columns, Book Reviews, Guest Editorials, reprints, an annual index, and non-case study/non-research articles.

- On its annual conference call in April 2016, the *Journal* Editorial Committee and *Journal* staff supported an increased online presence for the *Journal* to assist in managing surging submissions and speed their time to publication.
- In December 2016 CEO Wanda Wilson approved a more robust digital presence for the *Journal*.

How Will It Work?

Articles that traditionally appeared in the print issue will now be posted on aana.com at the same time the print edition arrives in member mailboxes, including all of the Departments (Research News, Education News, Legal Briefs, Imaging in Time, Guest Editorials) and also Letters and Book Reviews. All of these online articles will be submitted to PubMed/MEDLINE for inclusion in its database; although published exclusively online these pieces will be available and visible to all interested researchers and scholars. AANA members will be made aware of new online articles through the print edition, AANA e-publications, social media, and the AANA website.

Important: All submissions to *AANA Journal* online should be submitted via Editorial Manager (<http://www.editorialmanager.com/aana>). These articles will be subjected to

the same rigorous double-blinded review process used for *AANA Journal* print articles.

Noteworthy:

- The print issue and online only content will continue to be published on the following schedule: February, April, June, August, October, and December.
- The *Journal* app will be still available so readers of the *Journal* can access the *AANA Journal* app to read the print issue.
- The digital (flip-page) edition of the *Journal* will continue to be posted at aana.com for each print issue.

We Are Also Pleased to Announce

The first article to be published as an *AANA Journal* online article will be “The Consensus Bundle on Prevention of Surgical Site Infections After Major Gynecologic Surgery.” This article is being published concurrently in the January 2017 issue (Vol. 129, No. 1) of *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, the January 2017 issue (Vol. 124, No. 1) of *Anesthesia & Analgesia*, and the January/February 2017 issue (Vol. 46, No. 1) of *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, & Neonatal Nursing*.

Teaming with the aforementioned publications to disseminate this crucial information regarding surgical site infection raises the visibility of the *AANA Journal* and allows our publication to play a critical role in getting information that practicing CRNAs need into their hands in the most timely and

efficient manner possible.

We are pleased to report that the *Journal* is becoming ever more visible in the field. *AANA Journal*

will continue to publish the highest quality scholarly research and clinically relevant work with patient safety as its goal.

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