

**Call for Applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief:**  
***Medical Decision Making and***  
***Medical Decision Making Policy & Practice***

Interested parties, please submit your application and supporting documents via the [Online Application](#). Please direct any questions to Trevor Scholl, SMDM Association Manager, at [info@smdm.org](mailto:info@smdm.org).

**Overview:**

The Editor-in-Chief oversees SMDM's two official journals: *Medical Decision Making* (MDM) founded in 1981 and the open access journal *Medical Decision Making Policy and Practice* (MDM P&P) founded in 2016. The Editor-in-Chief will build and manage an Editorial Office to manage both journals and to undertake the responsibilities outlined below.

**Application Deadline: Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5:00 PM ET.**

***Medical Decision Making***

The official journal of the Society for Medical Decision Making

- Indexed in Thomson Reuters 2017
  - Impact Factor 3.012
  - 5 Year Impact Factor 3.444
- Ranked 20/94 in Health Care Sciences & Services and 5/25 in Medical Informatics

Current Editor: Alan Schwartz, PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago

***Medical Decision Making (MDM)*** offers rigorous and systematic approaches to decision making that are designed to improve the health and clinical care of individuals and to assist with health policy development. Published eight times a year, the Journal presents theoretical, statistical, and modeling techniques and methods from a variety of disciplines including psychology, decision psychology, health economics, clinical epidemiology, and evidence synthesis. The journal also publishes research related to interventions intended to improve medical decision-making. MDM promotes understanding of human decision-making processes so that individuals can make more informed and satisfying choices regarding their health.

***Medical Decision Making*** focuses on important topics such as:

- Optimal strategies for patient care and policy decision making
- Understanding individual and group decision-making processes
- Outcomes of decisions, their measurement, and valuation
- Risk communication, risk attitudes, and judgment
- Shared decision making and decision support for patients
- Methods to teach about and improve actual decisions
- Methods for technology assessment, literature synthesis, comparative effectiveness research and evidence-based decision making.

***Medical Decision Making Policy & Practice (MDM P&P)*** is an open access journal that offers rigorous and systematic applications of decision science that are designed to improve the health and clinical care of individuals and to assist with health-policy development. *MDM P&P* focuses on the application of current theories, methods, and approaches from a variety of disciplines to important problems facing clinical and health policy decision makers, including patients, providers, producers, and payers. MDM P&P is indexed in PubMedCentral and pursuing further indexing as it develops.

**MDM Policy and Practice** focuses on important topics such as:

- Optimal strategies for patient care and policy decision-making for specific health conditions
- Approaches to improving individual and group medical decision-making processes
- Shared decision making and patient decision support
- Decision and cost-effectiveness analyses
- Health technology assessment
- Examples of teaching decision-making

The journals are owned by the Society and published by SAGE Publications. Visit [www.mdm/sagepub.com](http://www.mdm/sagepub.com) for more information about the journal.

#### **Responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief**

1. Maintain editorial offices, staff, computer and other equipment necessary for the completion of editorial responsibilities in accordance with this Agreement and the office budget established by the Society.
2. Select the members of an Editorial Board, subject to approval by the Society's Board of Trustees, and maintain contact with members of the Editorial Board for the development of contributions to *MDM* and *MDM P&P*.
3. Coordinate Associate Editors, including solicitation and orientation of Associate Editors and provision of feedback concerning their performance as reviewers.
4. Develop and implement editorial guidelines for contributions to *MDM* and *MDM P&P*, provided that such guidelines are consistent with the goals and purposes of the Society.
5. Solicit, receive, select and arrange for peer review and editing of contributions to *MDM* and *MDM P&P*. Make final decision on acceptance of manuscripts for publication.
6. Provide the Publisher with sufficient text and illustrations ready for copyediting to enable the Publisher to publish *MDM* eight times per year and publish *MDM P&P* on an ongoing basis, according to the schedule and Journal specifications established by the Publisher.
7. Consistently meet compositor's and printer's deadlines.
8. Review electronic proofs for each issue of *MDM* and *MDM P&P*.
9. Provide additional editorial material for inclusion in the print and/or online versions of the Journals.
10. Communicate with the Society's Publication Committee, Executive Director, and appropriate committees and task forces to keep current regarding the Society's activities, strategic plan and other efforts that may involve the Journals.
11. Provide the Society an annual written report to include the number of manuscripts received, accepted, rejected, published, and carried forward to the next publication year; brief demographic profile of contributors; and summary recommendations for maintaining and improving the quality of *MDM* and *MDM P&P*.
12. The Editor will submit, at minimum in addition to the information contained in the annual reports, a detailed report to the Publications Committee on a biannual basis detailing how the Editor's activities have contributed to furthering the strategic vision articulated to the Society at the time of appointment to the position of Editor.
13. Manage any Special Issues, proceedings, or other supplements of *MDM* and be responsible for non-production functions necessary for journal maintenance, development, and communications with the other related parties.
14. Plan and implement, in coordination with the Editorial Board and the Publisher, the Journal's activities at Society conferences.
15. Maintain Journal records according to the Society's Record Retention Policy.
16. Maintain or improve upon the journal's current manuscript turn-around time.

**Requirements**

- Doctorally prepared (M.D., Ph.D., Dr.P.H., D.Sc., or other doctoral degree), appointment as associate professor, professor, or equivalent (e.g., research scientist)
- Respected and accomplished record of research and publications in the area of medical decision making
- Experience as an editor, associate editor, or editorial board member
- Willingness to embrace the interdisciplinary nature of the field
- Willingness to uphold/enhance *MDM* and *MDM P&P's* commitment to quality scholarship in medical decision making
- Commitment to serve as Editor-in-Chief for the period January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2025
- Willingness to work with the outgoing Editor in June – December 2020, to facilitate a smooth transition.

**Application Materials**

- A letter of interest, including qualifications and previous history with SMDM. This should include a description of how the applicant will accommodate the time demands of editing the journal (such as the availability of institutional support).
- Curriculum vitae
- A vision statement of 750 words or less for the five years of publication of *MDM* and *MDM P&P* during your proposed term as Editor. Items of specific interest to the search committee include:
  - Primary goals for *MDM* and *MDM P&P*
  - Organization and responsibilities of the editorial office, associate editors, editorial board and supporting staff
  - Ideas for balancing content across multiple disciplines
  - Ideas for improving the quality of submissions and the quality of accepted articles.

Information on the current budget and editorial staff resources is available to interested applicants on request.