



Final Notes

Updates on Journal

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Thank you for reading our latest issue of the Journal of the Academy of Forensic Nursing (JAFN). This is our first issue for 2024 and third since we started last summer. We had hoped to have 3 issues this year but will only have two. Understandably, as a new journal, there have been some minor challenges such as streamlining our peer review process, increasing the number of peer reviewers, and making authors aware of this new journal for submissions.

We are excited to let you know that we have had a strong response to our request for peer reviewers as well as for submissions. This allows us to plan our next issue for late fall 2024 (e.g. Oct/Nov), and to resume our plans for three issues again in 2025- spring, summer and fall.

If you are interested in becoming a peer reviewer, we have [posted a link](#) on our JAFN website that shows you how to set up your JAFN account to indicate that role. You need to expand your profile to indicate your areas of specialty and include a bio that lets the editorial team know your areas of specialty. We encourage content experts, research experts, and any clinician or academic interested to volunteer. The editorial team are willing to mentor new reviewers and we are currently preparing some simple guidelines for new reviewers.

Articles are encouraged from clinicians and academics. We have two peer-reviewed sections: original research and practice perspectives. In addition, we encourage updates from communities such as international forensic organizations or individuals, and ideas or submissions for the research corner (intended to introduce newer researchers or clinicians to aspects of evidence informed practice). We also have a regular submission from the Journal Club, which reviews current research articles and evaluates the quality of the articles for our readers.

On behalf of the editorial team, thank you to all who have supported our new journal. We welcome suggestions, submissions and comments. Above all, thank you to all of you for your work as forensic professionals.