

Up Front: Supporting our Emerging Writers

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One of the goals for *JPSW* has always been to foster the growth and professional development of new writers. To that end, the *JPSW* Editorial Advisory Committee (EAC) has two new exciting initiatives to announce:

- The *JPSW* Emerging Writers Lunch & Learn Series
- Opportunities for increased communication between authors and readers

Based on a survey conducted by Dr. Mike Nagy (peer review coordinator and EAC member) the EAC determined that a structured and centralized writing program to better support *The Journal's* student writing clubs was warranted. The EAC decided to expand this concept beyond the student writing clubs, to include any pharmacy student, resident, or interested writer. Under the direction of Dr. Cassie Sedgwick (EAC member), the *JPSW* Emerging Writers Lunch & Learn series is intended to cover foundational writing topics for students, residents, and others interested in publishing. This series is comprised of 20- to 30-minute teleconferences that are presented over the lunch hour every two weeks. The goal of this series is to help authors develop the tools needed to successfully write articles for publication.

The first three presentations have already been posted for those interested: 1) Publication Process, Authorship, and Peer Review; 2) PubMed Searching; and 3) Appropriate Paraphrasing and Use of Figures. The presentations can be found at www.pswi.org/Emerging-Writers-Course and a list of upcoming presentations can be found in Table 1.

The *JPSW* EAC's second initiative to support new writers is to create increased opportunities for connection between authors

and readers. First, *The Journal* will offer corresponding authors the option to include their email addresses in their work. If readers then have additional questions or want to offer feedback, they can use this preferred contact information. Many national journals include corresponding authors' contact information; however, given the prevalence of spam email, *JPSW* will make this optional.

Next, we're introducing a new article type: a letter to the editor. The letter to the editor is intended to be used as commentary and to promote discussion of other published works in *JPSW*. (Other reflections or persuasive essays that are not editorial takes on previously published articles should continue to use the pharmacist reflection article type; you can check out our [guide here](#) for details on manuscript types.

Whether you're an emerging or expert author, I encourage you to review the 2022 and 2023 editorial plans. If you see a topic that interests you, I encourage you to submit a manuscript to *JPSW*. (This could be a CE, a narrative review, or even a pharmacist reflection.) As you can see, even in this issue, not all articles need to follow the issue theme; so please don't feel confined by the editorial plans. Lastly, as you write, don't forget to take advantage of the resources in the *JPSW* Emerging Writers Lunch & Learn series.

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TABLE 1. Emerging Writers Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Presenter	Meeting Link
11/2/21 12:30-1pm	Structuring an Introduction/ Conclusion	Cassie Sedgwick	Join Zoom Meeting https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/96280955543?pwd=bjhwDd0JnTWVXY1NlQnpsZzFhU01CZz09
11/16/21 12:30-1pm	Structuring a Paragraph	Michael Nagy	Join Zoom Meeting https://mcw-edu.zoom.us/j/91265068672?pwd=WGdRZ2YrSEpMcml2VC8zOCs1d3NRdz09
11/30/21 12:30-1pm	Common Grammatical Errors	Jen Pitterle	Join Zoom Meeting https://uwmadison.zoom.us/j/97258147317?pwd=Q05DZ2t2QktBa1pxMWZKUkNjNE9Ez09

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January / February	Theme: Year in Review Series: ID Corner / Precepting Tips	Submission Deadline: October 1, 2021
March / April	Theme: Regulation & Accreditation Series: ID Corner / Precepting Tips	Submission Deadline: Dec 1, 2021
May / June	Theme: Health Disparities / Global Health Series: ID Corner / Precepting Tips	Submission Deadline: Feb 1, 2022
July / August	Theme: Cardiology Series: ID Corner / Precepting Tips	Submission Deadline: April 1, 2022
September / October	Theme: Immunizations and Emergency Preparedness Series: ID Corner / Precepting Tips	Submission Deadline: June 1, 2022
November / December	Theme: Specialty Medicine (including oncology, rheumatology, GI, etc) Series ID Corner / Precepting Tips	Submission Deadline: Aug 1, 2022

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July / August	Theme: Innovations in patient care Series: ID Corner / Precepting Tips	Submission Deadline: April 1, 2023
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November / December	Theme: Mental health / neurology Series ID Corner / Precepting Tips	Submission Deadline: Aug 1, 2023