

COMMUNIQUE FROM THE JOINT EDITORS OF THE SRI LANKA JOURNAL OF CHILD HEALTH

Dear Member of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians,

As you probably know, our application for PubMed/MEDLINE indexing for the Sri Lanka Journal was not approved by the PubMed/MEDLINE Committee that met in October 2020. We can send it for the next review only in October 2023

In response to the comments from PubMed/MEDLINE, together with representations made earlier by some members of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, the Joint Editors and the Editorial Board of the Journal is pleased to make you aware of some details of the relevant policies, functioning particulars and the changes made in the journal management components.

These were ratified by the Council of the SLCP on 08th January 2021.

- The journal will continue to be published quarterly.
- The Editorial Board will be expanded to include another four (04) members with proven track records from outside our country.
- A Panel of External Reviewers will be recruited from the membership of SLCP and from outside the College if necessary. We are happy to invite suitable persons to apply with their CVs.
- Each Original Article will be double-blind reviewed by two members of the Editorial Board and two members of the Panel of External Reviewers. A separate Specialist Reviewer may be invited to do a further review whenever it is deemed to be necessary.
- Any article already published in a standard journal or in a Pre-Print publication where a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) has already been issued, will not be accepted even for consideration by the Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health.
- The number of Original Articles published in each issue of the journal will be increased from the present 10 per issue to a maximum of 20 per issue. This is a 100% increase, undertaken mainly to reduce the lag time period between the time of acceptance and the time of publication. We hope to reduce it to a range of 03 to 06 months by this manoeuvre. This will inevitably increase the cost of printing the hard copies of the journal.
- The number of Picture Stories will be increased to 03 per issue.
- The number of Case Reports will remain at 06 per issue.
- All accepted articles will be inserted into a conveyor belt leading to publication in a strictly chronological order of the date of acceptance and published in that order. All local and foreign articles will be treated in the same way. As documented in the journal website, exceptions will be made only under very special and compelling circumstances based purely on scientific grounds and **NOT** on any other considerations.
- The Cover Page will be changed to accommodate some of the new changes.
- All extra expenses incurred because of the changes made would be borne by the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians.

Thank you.



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