Inclusion of the *IJOEM* in MEDLINE (Index Medicus)

We took great pleasure in learning that *IJOEM* was recently selected for indexing in MEDLINE (Index Medicus). Part of the US National Library of Medicine, MEDLINE, which is available freely through PubMed, is the most widely used and prestigious database of biomedical literature. Given the strict requirements for adding new journals, being indexed in MEDLINE reaffirms the quality of our journal. Being indexed is even more impressive because MEDLINE will now back-index the journal from its first issue in January 2010, a success achieved by very few journals in the region.

Although the traffic on our journal's Web site is much better than most journals in the region—it receives one hit every 15 seconds—the immediate effect of being indexed in MEDLINE was to markedly increase the worldwide visibility of the journal as a source of reliable medical information. As a consequence, our submittal rate now averages one manuscript per day. Given this increase, we will add more pages in each issue and apply more rigorous measures to select and ensure the quality of the articles we publish.

We will also use state-of-the-art technologies to make our journal and its Web site more available and user-friendly. From this issue on, the back cover of the journal will carry a barcode (QR code) that can be scanned by most Smartphone to access the Web site and online articles. Furthermore, every article published in *IJOEM* will also have a barcode that directs you to the electronic version of the article. We will also soon provide articles in the ePub format that improves the readability of articles on most handheld electronic displays.

All these successes would have been impossible without the help and support of our Editorial Board members, our reviewers, and our authors. I especially thank our editors, Mahboobeh Yadollahie and Ashraf Simi, for their painstaking and timely efforts in processing manuscripts.

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