

A Letter from FPIN's Executive Director, *Evidence-Based Practice* April 2016, and this month's PURLs journal club toolkit



FPIN Community Bulletin

April 2016

Dear <<First Name>>,

Happy Spring!

On behalf of FPIN, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your support. We appreciate those who have participated in this year's [membership survey](#). I want you to know that I read each and every survey that is submitted. This information is always valued and shared with our Board of Directors. Your satisfaction is of utmost importance. It is our goal to meet your needs, support the discipline of Family Medicine, and see our mission fulfilled.

With that in mind, I'd like to share some important updates with all of you:

- 1. There is a [NEW timeline](#) for the HDA project:** We have received many inquiries regarding the perceived concern that the time needed to complete an HDA has slowed. However, the publication rate (sign-up to EIC approval) has actually shortened by more than 15% (from 13 months to 11 months) for the first 55 HDAs that have been submitted since July 1, 2015 and approved using the EMS (Editorial Management System). What is vastly different now is that there is a MUCH longer time period in the beginning of the process when there is nothing needed from the author team. Interestingly, the overall time is actually shortened because the latter part of the editorial process speeds up. One of the main reasons for this is that we are no longer sending back the manuscript to the author team between peer review and Deputy Editor review. Please review the [NEW timeline HERE](#). ***We encourage you to adjust your internal timelines in alignment with this new timeline so your author teams know what to expect.*** We are training our second class of HDA Deputy Editors this summer to expedite the publication rate for you even further.
- 2. Our applications for Medline indexing and PubMed Central are finally nearing completion:** We have met all of the basic requirements and have requested a review from an external expert. Our plan is to submit our application to the National Library of Medicine later this year for consideration.
- 3. Our editorial leaders will be meeting next weekend at our 3rd Annual Editorial Summit to find ways to make our peer review process more effective and efficient:** Currently, we ask our member programs to complete at least as many peer reviews as they have HDAs and CIs in process. (Example – If your program signs up for 6 HDAs and 1 CI, we expect that your program will complete at least 7 peer reviews before those manuscripts are approved for publication.) We are always seeking more trusted peer reviewers (faculty who consider themselves experts in Family Medicine with an understanding of critical appraisal). If this sounds like you, please register [HERE](#).

If you haven't completed the survey yet, we would be very grateful if you would consider doing so now. It should only take 5 minutes or so. If you have any questions or need support, please feel free to email us at membership@fpin.org or call me directly

at our main office in Columbia, Missouri: 573-256-2066.

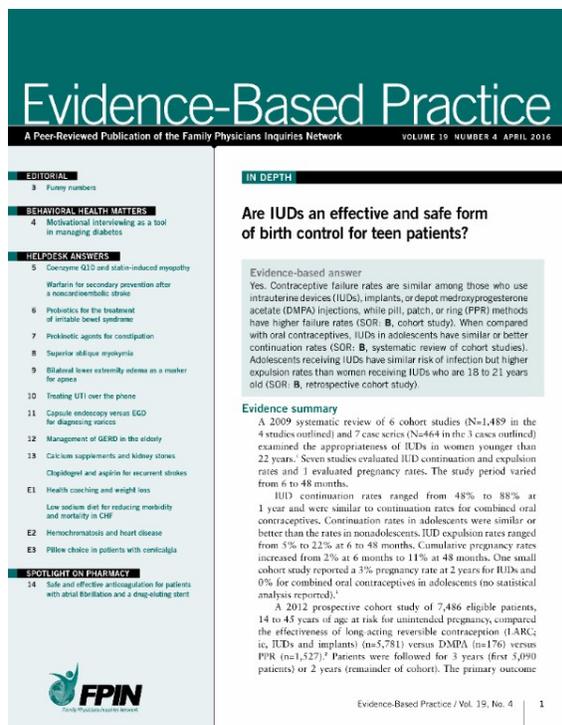
TAKE SURVEY NOW

We appreciate your patience and support during this time.

Warmly,
LuShawna Romeo
 Executive Director
 Family Physicians Inquiries Network

ATTENTION: News from the *Evidence-Based Practice* Editorial Staff

Please note that due to lack of participation, *Evidence-Based Practice* no longer offers CME. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact us at ebp@fpin.org.



FPIN presents **Evidence-Based Practice**

April issue highlights:

- Treating UTI over the phone
- Management of GERD in the elderly
- Hemochromatosis and heart disease

[View the April Issue](#)

PURLS Journal Club



April 2016: Kidney stones? It's time to rethink those meds

Includes:

Instructions

Detailed presenter/speaker notes

This month features the teaching points: RCT Overturning MA

Journal club worksheet

Copy of the published PURL

Potential PURL review form

Log into the [FPIN Institute](#) to access the journal club toolkits. Remember to enter the new universal password: family1516

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