FPIN Peer Review

FPIN's peer review process aims to achieve many goals:

- 1. Check the quality of the paper being submitted
- 2. Improve performance by providing meaningful feedback to the author team
- 3. Provide credibility to the publication series
- 4. Ensure no breaches of plagiarism have occurred

There are many benefits to peer reviewing a manuscript. Among them are:

- Peer review is reportable as faculty scholarly activity on annual ACGME reports
- Peer review may fulfil local university scholarly activity requirements
- Peer review can be included on curriculum vitae
- Peer review provides further experience with the medical literature that can improve skill in critical appraisal and medical writing

The peer reviewer should...

- Answer the peer review questions (see below) and provide explanations for any "No" responses.
- Suggest how to make the manuscript clearer, concise and relevant.
- Identify possible areas of confusion for the reader and make specific suggestions.
- Verify that at least one reference is accurately interpreted.
- Be generous with your words to enhance your own clarity.
- Sprinkle PRAISE along with recommendations for change.

Peer reviews will be completed via the EMS. Peer reviewers will make **ALL** comments via the peer review form in the EMS. For instructions on how to become an FPIN peer reviewer and complete a peer review, please see below. For additional help registering, please contact the FPIN office at 573-256-2066.

How to Become an FPIN Peer Reviewer

- 1. Log on to www.editorialmanager.com/fpin
- 2. Click the "Register Now" link
- 3. Enter your first name, last name, and preferred email address
- 4. Enter your personal information, institution-related information, areas of interest or expertise, and a preferred username
- 5. Verify your information
- 6. Check your email inbox for a message to verify your registration. This email will contain your password, which you will need to log into the EMS.
- 7. FPIN staff will invite you to peer review manuscripts via email. When you receive an invitation, simply log into the EMS and complete the question form (see below).
- 8. Submit your peer review to FPIN

Sample auestions:

- 1. Is the manuscript clear and well written?
- 2. Does the Evidence Summary directly support the recommendation given in the Evidence-Based Answer?
- 3. Is this article based on an up-to-date, complete literature search?
- 4. Do you feel this article reflects the best evidence available on patientoriented outcomes?
- 5. Is this article fair and balanced?
- 6. Is this an article you would read (i.e. is this relevant to your practice)?
- 7. Do you recommend publication of this manuscript? If no, why not?

