

EDITOR'S NOTE

Assuming the Role of Editor for the Florida Pediatrician Journal

Responsibilities, Expectations, and Vision for the Position

Taking on the position of editor for the Florida Pediatrician journal is an honor that comes with significant responsibility and opportunity. The editor plays a central role in shaping the journal's direction, maintaining its standards, and fostering the professional development of pediatricians across Florida. Key responsibilities include:

- Editorial Oversight: Oversee all aspects of the journal's editorial process, ensuring that all content meets high academic and ethical standards.
- Peer Review Management: Coordinate a rigorous peer-review process led by our capable Editorial Board.
- Content Development: Identify emerging topics and themes in pediatric medicine, encourage submissions in these areas, and commission special issues or invited reviews.
- Author Engagement: Build relationships with contributors with our deeply talented and experienced Editorial Board.
- Publication Ethics: Uphold high standards, manage conflicts of interest, plagiarism checks, and ensure transparency in all editorial decisions.
- Strategic Planning: Collaborate with the journal's Board and the FCAAP to set long-term goals, implement innovations, and expand the journal's reach and impact.

As new editor, my vision is to further the journal's mission by fostering innovation. As a Board we must continue to expand the scope of published content to include original research, clinical guidelines, case reports, and pediatric education department reports relevant to Florida's pediatricians. I welcome ideas from readers and authors alike. Feel free to contact me at michaeljmd156@gmail.com with your thoughts or concerns.

Assuming the role of editor is a privilege and a challenge. I would be remiss if I did not thank past journal editor, Dr. Mobeen Rathore, for his many years of dedication to the journal's successes. He brought the journal a long way from the early days of his tenure when it was but a newsletter. I am truly standing on the shoulders of an accomplished leader and good (and dare I say old) friend as I take the helm. And besides, he and I are fellow pediatric infectious disease specialists first meeting in the days of our fellowship training. Those days and now are filled with good times and accomplishments. I thank Mobeen for his unwavering support and agreeing to remain as a member and important voice on the Editorial Board.

I look forward to collaborating with Editorial Board members and the broader pediatric community to ensure that the Florida Pediatrician journal continues to inform, inspire, and advance the practice of pediatric medicine in Florida.



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