

e-JMAJ Editorial Office

JMAJ Editorial Office is within the International Affairs Division of the Japan Medical Association (JMA), which has been comprised of a maximum of 5 staff members since I joined this division about 17 years ago.

The contents of the journal are basically planned by the Editor in Chief/an Executive Board Member of the JMA, Managing Editor, and two Senior Editors of the Editorial Office. The journal aims at providing information on health care and medical science in general in Japan and on JMA's policies and activities.

Although JMAJ has been mostly free, and complimentary copies were distributed to health and medical related organizations and libraries, it used to be sold by a few book sellers such as Maruzen and Japan Publications Trading for 600 yen (about 5 USD) per copy. It became entirely free starting with JMAJ Vol.49 No.5&6 in June, 2006. When the publication in paper format

ended in January 2014, it became a free, electronic journal, "e-JMAJ."

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Japan, as one of the wealthiest countries, needs to share more information on the activities in Japan in English, for others to learn from. This small Editorial Office is committed to make a unique contribution to global health by publishing JMAJ.

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