

ANNOUNCEMENT

American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology To Launch A New Print Format

The editors, editorial board, and publishers of the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* are pleased to announce an exciting new change in the format of the Journal which will take effect with the January 2007 issue. Authors submitting articles as of February 1, 2006 should be aware that the publication of their papers will be subject to these changes.

While the process of manuscript submission and peer review will remain the same, Original Research Articles and Clinical Opinions will be published in two forms: an abbreviated article in the print journal and the full length version of that article online in the Web version of the *American Journal*. This is our response to the changing habits of readers, authors, researchers and academics as they relate to the access and readership of the important research published historically by the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

Based on our research, many busy practitioners want to know the latest research findings in the specialty but are limited in the time they can spend to become aware of new findings and their clinical implications. This print “summary” will give an overview of the latest research in a reader-friendly form. Equally important, it will allow the publisher to distribute the print and online versions of the Journal without charge to the full audience of 40,000-plus obstetricians/gynecologists.

Case Reports, Residents' Articles, Letters to the Editor and Replies will be published online only. All articles will be fully citable and available to searches.

Please note that manuscripts should be submitted in full, and according to the Information for Authors posted on the journal's website at www.ajog.org and the Instructions for Authors on the Elsevier Electronic Submission platform at <http://ajog.edmgr.com> or www.edmgr.com/ajog.

Once the article is accepted, authors of Original Research Articles and Clinical Opinions will have two options: (1) to allow a professional medical writer to produce the abbreviated summary of their article, or (2) to follow certain guidelines to produce the abbreviated summary themselves. We encourage the use of the professional medical writer to save our authors precious time and to speed up the publication process. Please note that the summary must conform to the established guidelines. All summaries will be prepared for publication by Journal editors and approved by the author of the original article.

This new format will accelerate publication of articles considerably because an online version will be published upon acceptance, as soon as copyedited and processed by the publisher and will be fully accessible to subscribers months before the print version is published. Note that this means the full length article will be available for citation before the print issue with the summary is published. Impact

factors and other citation indices will be based on the online version. The print summary will appear with the full-length article on the Journal's website.

Queries regarding these changes will be answered promptly by the Editors at ajog@rroho.com or perrine@ajog.phxcoxmail.com. The Editors and Publishers are excited by these changes and anticipate that the Journal will be more responsive to the needs of authors and readers and more consistent with how editorial content is currently accessed and read.

We look forward to working with you in the future to provide our readers with the best articles in the specialty. Thank you for your support.