

EDITORIAL POLICIES OF GENETIC CLINICS

Focus & Scope of the Journal:

The journal “Genetic Clinics” is a quarterly publication which aims to promote the science and practice of medical genetics in India. The publication came into existence in July 2008 initially as the newsletter of the Genetics Chapter of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics and later evolved into its present journal form as the official publication of the Society for Indian Academy of Medical Genetics (SIAMG) from January 2013. The Editorial office is located at the Department of Medical Genetics at the Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India.

The idea for this publication was conceived with the objective of creating an accessible resource of medical genetic knowledge for medical geneticists as well as for clinicians from other medical disciplines interested in genetics. Since the time of its inception in July 2008, every 3 monthly issue of the publication has attempted to cover all aspects of medical genetics, from clinical case reports of genetic disorders and syndromes and review articles on common genetic conditions to recent advances in laboratory genetic techniques and excerpts from the latest publications pertaining to medical genetics-related research. It has additional features such as the “Photo Quiz”, “Heart to Heart Talk” and “Gene Toons”, which add to the interest value of the journal content. The primary purpose of the publication is to serve as a forum for learning and teaching medical genetics, for medical practitioners from all disciplines and also to provide an interactive platform for all clinicians with a special interest in genetics.

The journal is registered with ISSN. It is published in both in print and online formats. The ISSN number of the print format is 2454-8766 and the ISSN number of the online version is 2454-8774. The print version is circulated free of cost at present to all members of

the SIAMG and to other subscribers. The online version is available free on the journal website (www.iamg.in/genetic_clinics/index.php). The contributors are not charged for submission, processing and publication of manuscripts or for colour reproduction of photographs.

The articles submitted for publication to the journal are subjected to peer-review and are edited for content and style. Only original submissions are considered and the journal does not accept articles which have been published in any print/ online format elsewhere. All submissions are checked for plagiarism. The copyright of all articles published in the journal is owned by the journal. From the first issue onwards, the journal has been published in a timely and regular manner.

Sections of the journal:

The newsletter publishes articles pertaining to various aspects of medical genetics including the genetic bases of diseases, monogenic diseases, chromosomal disorders, dysmorphic syndromes, congenital malformations, prenatal diagnosis, perinatal autopsy, teratogenesis, genetic counseling and laboratory practices as well as psychosocial and legal aspects involved in clinical genetic practice. The different categories under which articles are published include:

1. **Gene Edit:** This is the regular editorial feature written by the Editor of the newsletter; editorials may also be invited from other eminent figures in the field of medical genetics.
2. **Gene Vista:** This includes review articles on common genetic disorders (including the molecular pathology, genetic basis, clinical features, differential diagnosis, management options and recent developments) as well as on genetic

laboratory techniques (including the principles, methodology and relevance to clinical genetic practice).

3. **Gene Focus:** This presents the views and perspectives of experienced clinical geneticists on specific areas of clinical importance such as guidelines/recommendations for diagnostic work-up, management and genetic counseling of specific genetic disorders.
4. **De Novo:** This includes original articles with novel findings/ developments and findings of original research in the field of medical genetics.
5. **Clinical Vignettes:** These are case reports of patients with rare known genetic conditions/ syndromes, unusual clinical features or interesting lab findings.
6. **Gene Express:** This includes excerpts/ abstracts from recent papers published in reputed national and international journals which highlight novel research findings and exciting new developments in the field of medical genetics.
7. **Heart to Heart Talk:** This offers a platform for clinicians to share personal emotional and psychosocial experiences encountered during their interaction with families with genetic disorders; articles in this section are meant to address issues from a human interest point of view.
8. **Gene Toons:** This includes cartoons, poems, jokes and witty one-liners which add a little fun and art to the science of medical genetics.
9. **Photo Quiz:** This is a regular photo-based quiz feature where readers are asked to diagnose interesting/ unusual genetic conditions/ syndromes on the basis of clinical photographs and a brief clinical summary of the salient presenting features.

10. Gene Mails: This includes Letters to the Editor discussing the contents of previous issues, comments and suggestions to the editorial board.

11. Gene Events: This includes a brief report on recent conferences/ workshops/scientific meetings related to the field of medical genetics.

Compliance with ICMJE Recommendations

The journal complies with the ICMJE recommendations.