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I am delighted to announce that in March 2007, the *Urology Journal* was selected by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to be indexed in MEDLINE/PubMed, the world's most heavily used set of databases for health and medical professions. This encouraged the journal to open up to new topics, in turn garnering a broader audience of readers and contributors. Let's hope we will find ourselves going the same route. All articles will be indexed from volume 4, issue 1, and the previous issues will be also included in the PubMed. Thanks to the contributions of our authors and readers over 3 years of publication, the *Urology Journal* has proven that it has something to offer. The PubMed has become the primary information nexus for biomedical science and indexing of the *Urology Journal* will greatly enhance the visibility of our authors' work. Acceptance in this prominent database speaks not only to the importance of the field, but also to the incredibly high quality of the articles and features published to date. I would personally like to thank the journal's Chairman, Professor Simforoosh, for his encouragement, and the outstanding editorial board for their continuing support, and look forward to continuing the progress of this journal. We greatly appreciate our executive editor, Dr Farrokhi; the help he provided was invaluable.

Urology Journal is published quarterly in print format and offers review articles, original research, case reports, point of techniques, experimental research, and a variety of added-value content. Rigorous peer review and rapid publication ensure that only the best quality and pertinent research is published in a timely manner. Access to the *Urology Journal* is also currently available based on the *Open Access Policy*; thus, we will be able to deliver the full text articles to readers directly from the PubMed page. The editorial board, composed of highly cited researchers from

all over the world, elicits high quality scientific works of broad interest. Now the *Urology Journal* is going to become among the premier forum for a fast growing community of specialists to address the important challenges and advances that are now occurring in urological research and molecular medicine. Now, we are going to apply for inclusion in the ISI database. Our mission is to disseminate the most meritorious scientific research produced in the field of urology and the related sciences. To have readers, a new publication must prove that it has something to offer. It has to be taken seriously. Because of the increase in high quality research conducted in the field and the better exposure of the *Urology Journal* to the scientific community via MEDLINE, the Journal is able to attract better quality papers that are potentially more worthy of citation. Therefore, we feel that, if indexed by ISI, the *Urology Journal* would make an important and strategic contribution to the urology literature. There is no doubt that indexing in the ISI database would provide our journal much greater visibility. Our aim is to build a high-quality, comprehensive, and balanced reference resource that can be used to prepare teaching aids and research presentations, as well as to inform residents, scientists, and clinicians. The editorial board of the *Urology Journal* is proud to be among the pioneers of successful and sustainable peer-reviewed journals and again thanks everybody who has contributed to this success, most of all our authors, our peer-reviewers and our readers, who continue to give us useful feedback. Let us hear from you. What do we do right? and where could we do better? Our ability to measure the extent to which we satisfy our readers will be the ultimate determinant of our sustainability.

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