

The Living Hand

Humanities Section for Residents and Medical Students -- Journal of General Internal Medicine - Web Edition

*This title is inspired by the poem "This Living Hand" by John Keats

In order to further support the medical humanities, JGIM will host "The Living Hand" humanities section for **residents and medical students** to submit poetry or personal narrative prose for publication on the web page. In "The Living Hand" humanities section, we plan to publish two articles of either poetry or prose written by a medical student or resident every two weeks, thus giving plenty of opportunities for fresh voices to share their stories. We are looking for writing that is true to who you are. Share your lessons with us by showing through your stories and poems rather than telling. We encourage all of you to capture the thoughts that are bouncing around in your head, and submit to "The Living Hand" for publication. The white space awaits your words.

Submission Guidelines

All submissions must be devoid of patient identifiers per HIPAA standards (see below), or must have written permission from the patient involved in the writing.

Please send submissions and correspondence to the editors at humanities.webjgim@gmail.com.

In your email, indicate the following:

- Type of work you are submitting (poetry or prose)
- Title of the work
- Word count
- Brief bio (<100 words) of the author, including position (medical student or resident) and institution

Up to four submissions per author. **Please do not submit any new articles until you have heard back from the editors on previously submitted pieces.** This may take up to two months.

Articles should be less than 2000 words, submitted in Microsoft Word or Open Office document.

Poems should be less than 50 lines, submitted in Microsoft Word or Open Office document.

Naming convention: For the article, "Generic" by Dr. Jones, save as follows:

Generic_Jones.doc

Review process

All submissions will be reviewed by the section editor. The editor will review contributions for originality, style, and content. The editor will respond in a timely fashion with either an acceptance, conditional acceptance, request for revision and resubmission, or rejection.

Patient consent/confidentiality

Our confidentiality policy is based on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Please refer to this document with regards to any questions about patient confidentiality: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/> . As a rule, authors must protect the confidentiality of all individuals whose personal details may be revealed without their consent.

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