

# **SGIM Forum Call for Submissions:**

## **Special Double Theme Issue on “What SGIM Means to Me”**

**Initial manuscript due: 2/28/26**

**Final manuscript (with any revisions) due: 4/10/26**

**Address submissions directly to: SGIMMeanstoMe@gmail.com**

As SGIM approaches its 50th anniversary, SGIM Forum will publish a special double theme issue (June–July 2026) on “What SGIM Means to Me.” This commemorative issue will highlight personal reflections on the role SGIM has played in shaping careers, communities, and the field of academic general internal medicine. Submissions are welcome from physicians and physicians-in-training at all career stages and should speak to the meaning, impact, and enduring relevance of SGIM in the author’s professional journey.

Please consider the following for submissions to this theme issue.

- Article submissions of all types are welcome, covering a wide range of career development experiences including, but not limited to:
  - Mentorship
  - Advocacy
  - Medical Education
  - Research
  - Work-life Balance
  - Substance Use Disorder Treatment
  - General Career Development/Networking
  - General Gratitude/SGIM as “Professional Home”
- Please refer to the author instructions for more detailed article requirements.

SGIM Forum is a place for members to share their diverse perspectives and experiences, advocacy, research, and clinical work for this theme issue and continuously into the future. Submissions not published in the theme issue will be considered for publication in future issues of SGIM Forum.

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# SGIM Forum Theme Issue Instructions for Authors

Thank you for your interest in writing for this special theme issue of the SGIM Forum!

SGIM Forum is a monthly publication of the Society of General Internal Medicine. Forum is distributed electronically to SGIM members on a monthly basis.

SGIM Forum is posted online at: <https://connect.sgim.org/sgimforum/home>

SGIM Forum is seeking articles for a career guidance-themed issue titled **“What SGIM Means to Me.”** These submissions should share personal reflections on the value and impact of SGIM membership, both for the author and for the broader medical community. As SGIM approaches its 50th anniversary, the Forum editorial team aims to highlight how the Society has influenced members’ professional growth, career development, and personal journey within academic general internal medicine.

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## **Article Specifications: these are specific to this theme issue**

- **Submission:** please submit as a Word document in double-spaced type, one-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman. It is appreciated if you type out your references as regular text for ease of review and copyedit instead of using the endnote field creation option.
  - Length: articles are a **maximum of 1,000 words**, including title of the article, list of names/degrees of the authors, bio blurbs for all authors, article text, and reference list.
  - Authors: articles in our theme issues are limited to **a maximum of 3 authors**.
    - There is a limit on the number of authors to three (3) per article. Articles with a longer author list may be immediately returned without review or may be considered but with commensurate limitations on the length of the submitted article. As with any scholarly publication, please carefully consider that listed co-authors should have sufficiently contributed to an article to warrant co-authorship.
  - Style: articles should have a beginning, a middle, and an end. In other words, the opening of the article should convey what the article is about; why it is important; why you are ideal to discuss the topics; and how the article will contribute to the literature. The ending should articulate how the article will contribute to the science, the literature, and the education.
  - References: articles published in this special theme issue of SGIM Forum are **limited to 3 references ONLY**. *Chicago Manual of Style* or *AMA Manual of Style* should be used for reference formatting. Reference managers and associated plug-ins to assist with reference numbering may be used (e.g. EndNote’s Cite While You Write, Mendeley’s Citation Plugin, or Google Docs’ Paperpile), however, authors are strongly recommended to check that the appropriate style is selected *and* to manually check that the style correctly matches the necessary format.
- **Bio Blurb:** please include your affiliation information and preferred email address when you submit your article. Please identify the order of authors when you submit.

An example bio blurb appears in this format:

*Dr. XXX (email address) is an assistant clinical professor in the department of medicine at the Name of School of Medicine at Name of University and director of the Medical Education Pathway for the Name of University.*

- **Social Media:** Please include yours and your co-authors' social media handles, if applicable.
- **Pull Quotes:** author(s) must submit a one sentence pull quote that can be used to promote the article in social media. The pull quote can be taken from the article or adapted from the text.
- **Forum Categories:** Forum will send author(s) a list of categories to determine how to best categorize your article. Please select three (3) categories and Forum will choose one for publication

#### **Editorial:**

- Submission of an article does not guarantee publication, nor does submission of an approved article guarantee publication in this specific issue. The Editor-in-Chief and the Editors of this SGIM Forum theme issue have final right of approval for all articles.
- The editorial staff reserves the right to edit, amend, or omit articles that do not meet the expectations of the editorial staff.
- You may have up to three (3) business days to review your article when it is sent for review; based on the production schedule, you only have one (1) chance to review your work.
- **It should be noted that the lead time for publication of Forum is two (2) months.**
- SGIM Forum will only publish original material not published elsewhere. It should be noted, however, that it is a goal of SGIM Forum Editors to encourage collaboration and academic achievement among SGIM members. SGIM Forum also hopes to serve as an incubator for ideas that can be further developed into academic projects and research articles suitable for submission to other peer-reviewed journals.

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