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## *Surgery Open Science* achieves PubMed Central indexing



On August 4, 2020, *Surgery Open Science* achieved indexing in PubMed Central (PMC). PMC is a resource of Medline, the National Library of Medicine (NLM) journal citation database which houses more than 26 million references to biomedical and life science journals dating back to 1946. As part of Medline, PMC was launched in 2000 and serves as an archive for the database's full-text articles.

Indexing in PubMed Central is a major accomplishment—achieving inclusion in this database involves a rigorous evaluation process conducted by the NLM. This evaluation is based on the journal scope, as well as scientific, editorial, and technical quality. For example, submission to PMC initial review requires that the publisher must have at least a 2-year history of quality publishing in the life sciences. The journal must then be able to provide the NLM with immediate access to its content and submit a minimum of 25 peer-reviewed articles for specific NLM review. Once the journal's application has been submitted and screened, it undergoes a thorough scientific quality review under the guidelines of the National Institutes of Health Office of Extramural Research. This review is conducted by at least two consultants—one scientist and one librarian—who evaluate articles from the journal's past 2 years of content and grade these articles based on their scientific and editorial quality. The reviewers consider journal policy, article content,

figure and table quality, language quality (English editing), formatting and organization, editorial board, authorship, and the publication schedule. Only after this rigorous multistep evaluation is a journal admitted to the PMC index.

What does PMC indexing bring to *Surgery Open Science* authors and readers? Medline is a widely recognized mark of quality, validating our journal's processes and commitment to publishing quality scientific manuscripts. In addition, the broad exposure of PubMed to the biomedical science community is tremendously beneficial for both authors and readers alike in disseminating their research findings.

Congratulations are in order both for the Elsevier process team as well as for the SOPEN editorial board members and reviewers. Most importantly, we thank the authors who continue to submit their high-quality work to our journal, carrying the mark of quality to the future. Many thanks again to all involved in this process. Elsevier and the *Surgery Open Science* team are proud to be indexed in PubMed Central.

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