

IJQHC Communications
Deputy Editor Role Description

ISQua and OUP are launching a new journal titled *IJQHC Communications*. Expressions of interest are now being invited for the position of Deputy Editor, to commence on 1st January 2021.

Background

ISQua's original Journal, the International Journal for Quality in Health Care (IJQHC) is now in its 31st volume and currently has an impact factor of 1.94. The IJQHC is a leading journal for publication of research, evaluation and improvement in the quality and safety of health care. The Journal was originally established in 1988 by agreement between ISQua and Pergamon Press and its subsequent owners, Elsevier Science. In 1998, the Journal became jointly owned and published with Oxford University Press (OUP) after OUP purchased the share owned by Elsevier Science. Since the move to OUP, the Journal has been transformed in terms of design and the increasing impact of its content.

Assess to the IJQHC is part of the benefits provided to ISQua Members and is also available from OUP by direct subscription. The Journal is now online only. The Editor-in-Chief of the IJQHC is Professor Aziz Shaikh.

Income is generated through membership and other subscriptions. OUP marketing of IJQHC has also successfully packaged it with other publications for subscription by consortia. The budget for the Journal is jointly agreed each year by ISQua and OUP and covers editorial and production costs.

Scope of *IJQHC Communications*

IJQHC Communications will follow the lead of the parent journal, though may focus on quality improvement and patient safety implementation. The key areas of focus will be research, policy, and implementation related to the quality of health care and health outcomes for populations and patients worldwide. The journal will be interdisciplinary, welcoming original contributions in the disciplines of health services research, health care evaluation, policy, health economics, quality improvement,

management, and clinical research focused on the quality and safety of care. A focus on publications from LMIC authors will be an essential part of the editorial policy.

IJQHC Communications aims to reach a global audience, including researchers, clinical care professionals, quality assurance professionals, policymakers, managers, educators, and students of health-related disciplines.

IJQHC Communications will be online, open access, with preferential rates for ISQua members. Authors from specified countries will be eligible for a full waiver on the journal open access fee.

Journal Name:	<i>IJQHC Communications</i>
Subject Matter:	As well as a cascade journal from the <i>International Journal for Quality in Health Care</i> , the new journal would focus on quality improvement in the health care system research protocols and the patient journey.
Number of issues per volume:	Initially, at least 2, but with the intention of increasing frequency as the flow of published articles increases
Number of Volumes per 12 months:	1
Open Access:	Yes

Editorial Structure

The editorial structure will be

The Editor-in-Chief

1 x Deputy Editor

4 x Associate Editors (to be appointed as per requirements)

1 x Editorial Apprentice

Editorial Committee (no less than eight and no more than 15 persons)

An OUP and ISQua office team will support the Journal

The Deputy Editor Role

The Deputy Editor will champion research content for IJQHC Communication. The role holder(s) will assist the Editor-in-Chief in commissioning quality content to help achieve an audience in a competitive market. The Deputy Editor will work collaboratively with the Associate Editors, the Editor-in-Chief, OUP and ISQua.

The Deputy Editor shall:

1. Stimulate quality papers for the Journal;
2. Commission relevant articles for your area of expertise, particularly commentaries or papers that fit the journal's existing series;
3. Make provisional and final decisions on manuscripts
4. Select, invite, and assign (or recommending) reviewers for papers suitable for peer review
5. Assess reviewers' comments
6. Advise/collaborate, at the request of the Editor-in-Chief, on appeals
7. On the basis of reviews, make recommendations to the Editor-in-Chief on the acceptance of papers of a suitable standard;
8. Provide specialised advice about other papers submitted to IJQHC Communication;
9. Provide editorials for IJQHC Communication

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

At least five years' experience as a senior academic and or research professional, with a recognised and demonstrated standard of excellence in the following areas:

1. An established track record in Health Services research, Improvement Science, Implementation Science or Patient Safety research or practice
2. Experience as an in editorial role of a scientific or academic journal
3. Experience as a reviewer of papers submitted to scientific or academic journal

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Subject to fulfilment of responsibilities, and in recognition of their special contribution to the Journal, ISQua shall advance a grant as needed of up to €1000 (euro) to each Deputy Editor to cover some of their costs to attend the ISQua International Conference or another conference of relevant interest to

in their editorial work within the terms and amount of the budget set by the ISQua Board for that year. A free of charge registration for the main annual ISQua Conference will also be made available for each year of appointment.

You are invited to apply by emailing a brief curriculum vitae of maximum two sides of A4 page and a cover letter to: Sinead McArdle (smcardle@isqua.org) by close of business Thursday, 15th October 2020.