

IJQHC Communications
Editor-in-Chief Role Description

ISQua and OUP are launching a new journal titled *IJQHC Communications*. Expressions of interest are now being invited for the position of Editor-in-Chief, 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.

Access 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 Editor-in-Chief role

The Editor-in-Chief will be expected to provide leadership and oversight in the following main areas:

1. The editorial and scientific content of the Journal;
2. be impartial in the selection for publication of papers either submitted or invited which:
 - a. are original and of the high scientific standard which is essential for the good reputation of an international scientific journal; and
 - b. conform with the instructions to authors specified in standard "Instructions to Authors."
3. Work closely with the EIC of the parent journal.
4. Ensure the timely publication of each issue;
5. The future development of the Journal's content;
6. Exploration of future opportunities and markets for the Journal and to maintain and further develop its eminent role.

Person Specification

1. Scientific judgment

- 1.1.ability to make and maintain scientifically sound decisions about the quality of material for the Journal
- 1.2.Experience in research methodology
- 1.3.Experience in Improvement and Implementation Science
- 1.4.The breadth of experience in the field

2. Management skills

- 2.1.Capacity to manage people
- 2.2.Ability to assemble a team of Associate Editors
- 2.3.Able to manage the publishing process and review and acceptance times
- 2.4.Experience in managing journal processes and finances

3. International focus

- 3.1.Ability to sensitively and effectively communicate with researchers and potential contributors to the Journal from a diverse range of countries
- 3.2.Able to attract both UIC and LMIC publications

4. Knowledge of the field

- 4.1. In-depth knowledge of the domains of Quality
- 4.2. Knowledge of Improvement and Implementation Science
- 4.3. Able to assemble a team to cover the wide range of topics in the field
 - 4.3.1. Quality Improvement
 - 4.3.2. Patient Safety including Human Factors and Resilience
 - 4.3.3. Person-Centred Care
 - 4.3.4. Systems thinking
 - 4.3.5. Health policy research

5. Impact as a scholar in health care quality

Ability to make an intellectual contribution to the Journal with evidence of significant academic interest and impact in one or more of the key domains of health care quality, capacity to attract contributors and funding to the Journal because of reputation and contacts.

Remuneration

There is an annual honorarium for this post of £7,500.00, with a travel grant for ISQua business.

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.