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INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF MS CARE TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBMED CENTRAL

(Hackensack, NJ—December 16, 2013) The [International Journal of MS Care \(IJMSC\)](#)—the official peer-reviewed publication of the [Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers \(CMSC\)](#)—has been accepted for inclusion in PubMed Central (PMC), a free electronic archive of full-text biomedical and life sciences journal literature at the US National Institutes of Health’s National Library of Medicine (NLM).

PMC, which launched in 2000, serves as a digital counterpart to the NLM’s print journal collection. It is a repository for journal literature deposited by participating publishers, as well as for author manuscripts that have been submitted in compliance with the NIH Public Access Policy and similar policies of other research funding agencies. Currently, nearly 3 million articles from over 4000 journals are archived in PMC.

Beginning in early 2014, the complete contents of each new issue of IJMSC will be deposited to PMC soon after publication and made available immediately to PMC users. Three years’ worth of back issues (going back to the Spring 2011 issue) will also be included in the PMC archive. Copyright to IJMSC material deposited in PMC will remain with the CMSC, and this will be clearly indicated to PMC users.

Depositing [IJMSC content](#) in PMC will make it more discoverable to researchers, health professionals, and the public. All articles archived in PMC are given a corresponding citation in PubMed, the NLM’s journal abstract database, which includes the MEDLINE subset. Citations and abstracts of all IJMSC articles will now be retrievable in PubMed through keyword and author searches and will include links to the full text in PMC and at the journal’s website at IJMSC.org.

“As a leading publication on MS clinical care, having IJMSC now part of PubMed Central will give these important articles and findings an even wider readership. This increased visibility should lead to wider citation of IJMSC articles, helping to advance research and clinical practice in multiple sclerosis and ultimately benefiting people with MS,” said Dr. Lael Stone, of the Cleveland Clinic, the Editor in Chief of IJMSC.

IJMSC is currently indexed in the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) and Rehabilitation & Sports Medicine Source (EBSCO Publishing) and Scopus. For more information about IJMSC’s new participation agreement with PMC, please contact Maria Stadler, IJMSC@mscare.org, or call 216-444-2330.

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About IJMSC

The *International Journal of MS Care (IJMSC)* is the official peer-reviewed journal of the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC) and leading publication on MS clinical care. It is also the official publication of the International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Nurses (IOMSN), the International Organization of Multiple Sclerosis Rehabilitation Therapists (IOMSRT), and Rehabilitation in Multiple Sclerosis (RIMS). The quarterly IJMSC publishes high-quality research, reviews, and consensus papers on a broad range of clinical topics of interest to MS health-care professionals, including neurological treatment, nursing care, rehabilitation, neuropsychological status, and psychiatric/psychosocial care. The mission of the journal is to promote multidisciplinary cooperation and communication among the global network of MS health-care professionals, with the goal of maximizing the quality of life of people affected by MS.

The IJMSC is also a winner of the 2013 APEX Award (Awards for Publishing Excellence), in the category "Magazines & Journals - Print, over 32 pages." The APEX Awards recognize outstanding publications of all types for their overall quality and communications effectiveness. For more information on the journal, visit IJMSC.org.

About CMSC

CMSC, the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers, is the leading educational, training, and networking organization for MS health-care professionals and researchers. The CMSC's mission is to promote quality MS care through educational programming and accreditation including live and online events, research grants, technical journals and papers, and targeted advocacy efforts. The CMSC member network includes more than 7,000 international health-care clinicians and scientists committed to MS care as well as more than 60 Veterans Administration MS Programs and 225 MS Centers in the US, Canada, and Europe. For more information, visit www.ms-care.org