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**JOURNAL READERSHIP**

The number of journal visits (the number of times a reader enters the journal) continues to increase. OJIN also continues to have a stable presence on social media via the journal Facebook page.

**MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSIONS AND ACCEPTANCE RATES**

A total of 86 manuscripts were submitted to OJIN for consideration in 2017. The authors of these manuscripts represented 30 states and 7 countries around the world. Sixteen invited manuscripts initiated the 3 new OJIN topics for the year, and 11 manuscripts furthered the discussion of topics previously posted. OJIN published a total of 25 manuscripts this year, one fewer than in 2016 due to unavoidable delay. In addition, we published 6 columns in OJIN, slightly up from 2016. The overall acceptance rate for manuscripts submitted to OJIN in 2016 was 37%. The acceptance rate for invited manuscripts was 100%, while the acceptance rate for voluntary manuscripts was 19%.

**OJIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017**

- The ANA Online Services team reported approximately 1.8 million visitors to OJIN in 2017. This accounted for 25.6% of all traffic to NursingWorld.org and 43.7% of search traffic. The search traffic percentage is up from 30% in 2016 and the highest thus far per the online services data. This increase also brings a higher percentage of new visitors (who have never before been to NursingWorld.org) than the site average (29.5% OJIN compared to 22% site average). In 2017, 13.23% of NursingWorld.org social media traffic came to an OJIN page.
- International readership remains steady. Although the number of submissions from international authors was less than in previous years, we did receive first time submissions from 3 countries, Republic of Botswana, Republic of Indonesia, and Sweden.
- Medscape Publishers' Circle, an online, healthcare resource for professionals and consumers, included 18 OJIN articles, an increase of 2 from 2016, and 1 column in 2017. The collaborative agreement with Medscape remains a very effective partnership to enhance journal promotion and readership.
  - Nine OJIN articles were promoted as "Top Stories," in the *Medscape Nurses – MedPulse Newsletter*.
  - The most read OJIN article was *Applying Evidence-based Practice to Support Changes in Nursing Dress Code Policies*, followed by *Growing Nurse Leaders: Their Perspectives on Nursing Leadership and Today's Practice Environment*, suggesting that OJIN continues to have a strong readership presence with nurses seeking to make a difference at the direct practice level of care.
- OJIN team members continue to work to achieve archival compliance with the National Library of Medicine MedLine database. This will be followed by application to become a

member of the Council on Publication Ethics (COPE).

- Efforts by the journal editors continue in several areas related to online publishing:
  - Jackie Owens continues as a member of the International Academy of Nursing Editors (INANE) Student Publications Workgroup, resulting in several national presentations and a publication in 2017. Jackie participated in an expert panel discussion about online predatory journals at the INANE Annual Meeting in August 2017.
  - OJIN content was featured in the 2017 inaugural publication of the *INANE Virtual Journal*, created to showcase publications from quality nursing journals.

## TOPICS IN 2017

January 2017: **Emerging Global Health Concerns: How Nurses Respond** – This topic considered infectious diseases, disaster preparedness, and deployment in response to global health crises.

May 2017: **Healthcare Reform: Nurses Impact Policy** – This OJIN topic explored advocacy for reform - from the unit level to the international level.

September 2017: **Back to Class: Perspectives on School Nursing** – OJIN went back to school in September to highlight contributions and challenges of school nurses.

## RECENT/UPCOMING TOPICS

January 2018: **Ethics in Healthcare: Nurses Respond**

May 2018: **Translational Research: From Knowledge to Practice**

September 2018: **Social Determinants of Health**

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