

# Why the Netherlands Journal of Medicine wants your review article

## The Editorial Board

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Each issue of the *Netherlands Journal of Medicine* contains a balanced mix of original articles, case reports, reviews and special articles.<sup>1</sup> A well-written review provides the readers with a comprehensive overview on topical issues in the broad field of internal medicine, as well as information of immediate clinical relevance. These articles are highly valued by readers, clinicians and scientists alike.<sup>2</sup> Timely and relevant reviews perhaps organised along medical speciality lines should help to provide a basis for the innovation of medical practice. It is foremost a vehicle for disseminating the latest knowledge in a readily accessible form. This will permit physicians to improve their standard of care for their patients. On the other hand, these articles serve to highlight issues of paradigm and may provide a guide for the caring physician. The Editorial Board of the Journal appreciates good reviews and this appreciation is materialised each year by awarding a prize for the best review article during the *Internistendagen*.<sup>3,4</sup>

The benefits for authors contributing to our Journal are clear. As Editors, we believe that the internet has already induced a paradigm shift in the way in which clinicians and patients access, interpret and utilise medical information. The creation of the open access mode for our Journal last year has greatly broadened our base.<sup>5</sup> Our open access model ensures wide dissemination of important material which becomes freely and universally

accessible online. This is why we, as editors of the Journal, invite you to be part of our vision and to submit your review article to the *Netherlands Journal of Medicine*. We will consider articles that span a wide range of scientific interests. In particular, our vision is to include review articles with teaching material, as well as recent developments in pharmacological treatments in order to build a resource for clinicians, whether experienced or otherwise. We look forward to seeing your contributions, which can now be submitted online via our website <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/nethjmed>.<sup>6</sup>

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