

Journal of Pain and Symptom Management **Aims and Scope Statement**

The *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* is an internationally respected, peer-reviewed journal and serves an interdisciplinary audience of professionals by providing a forum for the publication of the latest clinical research and best practices related to the relief of illness burden among patients afflicted with serious or life-threatening illness. The Journal has strongly supported both quantitative and qualitative research underpinning the evolving discipline of palliative care, including clinical trials of pain or symptom control therapies, epidemiology of phenomena related to life-threatening disease and end-of-life care, instrument development to enhance clinical assessment and facilitate investigation, and health services studies evaluating the outcomes of diverse therapeutic models. It also offers extensive coverage of clinical practice issues, publishing both systematic and narrative reviews, case series and case reports, and both special articles and columns that present important updates on topics as varied as the international diversity of palliative medicine, the economics of palliative care, and bioethics in end-of-life care.

As the official journal of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), the Journal will pursue the vision of an expanded scope of coverage, intended to present the best research and clinical material on all facets of palliative medicine, the broader aspects of palliative care, and hospice and end-of-life care. The vision of the Journal also includes a focus on the development of published material and publication procedures that fully meet the near-term and long-term needs of the AAHPM members. The Journal will thereby serve both the Academy's members and the international audience of researchers and practitioners working in the rapidly expanding field of palliative care. With the logistical and philosophical support from AAHPM, *JPSM* will evolve into a seamless and integrated affiliated journal.

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