

Letter from the Editors

Dear readers,

We are pleased that you have joined us for the inaugural issue of the University of Manitoba Journal of Medicine (UMJM). Some time has passed since our medical school last had a student-run journal, and we are pleased to pick up where our predecessors left off.

Thank you to our reviewers, supporters, editorial team, and the numerous staff and faculty at the University of Manitoba (including the Neil John MacLean Health Sciences Library personnel) with whom we have been fortunate to collaborate, and without whom this journal would not be possible.

Within our pages you will find articles written by medical students at the University of Manitoba exploring a diverse scope of topics. Our authors dive into questions of medical ethics — is it constitutional to withhold medical assistance in dying from mature minors? And how can we, as medical professionals, be ethical stewards of data collected from unethical medical experiments? Our authors also traverse topics relevant to today's medical students, such as recent trends in the Canadian Resident Matching Service and the resultant impacts on career prospects for current and future medical students. Also covered is the need to improve procedural learning for medical trainees, as attitudes shift in favour of competency-based residency programs. Our authors also appeal to the reader to find meaning within medicine: what does a doctor's stethoscope have in common with a sled perched on the arctic ice? And can doctors who are decades into their careers continue to enjoy the rewards of delivering care?

We hope this journal will provide a forum for medical students across Canada to develop their ideas through scholarly writing, and encourage us all to engage with current topics in medicine.

Happy reading!

Sincerely,



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