



ICS new journals: Continence and Continence Reports FAQs

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3. How many issues per year?

We are working on the basis of 4 issues in the first year. This could then rise to 6 issues per year in subsequent years.

4. When will the new journal be listed on PubMed?

A journal can be added to PubMed following the publication of 25 articles. That will be the first goal of the journals, which we plan to reach by mid-2022.

5. How will the new journals receive an Impact Factor

We will ensure the journals contain top quality content and meet the general conditions of the council that decide upon impact factors. The goal is to be awarded an impact factor within 2-3 years.

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10. Aims & Scope for *Contenance*

Contenance is the open access journal for the International Continence Society (ICS), which is complemented by Contenance Reports. The new Contenance journal is dedicated to the publication of high quality, innovative pure and clinical research that will benefit patients with urinary, bowel and pelvic floor disorders by advancing science, in keeping with the mission of the ICS, whose broad membership covers multiple disciplines including physicians, surgeons, nurses, physicists, physiotherapists, bio-engineers and scientists. Contenance covers all types of primary research involving clinical, and translational research. Contenance articles will include original articles, review articles, standardization reports, white papers as well as consensus statements. All articles are peer reviewed by a panel of dedicated experts in their field and proof-read by copy editors. Contenance reflects the evolving publishing model so all published papers will have unrestricted access and be published online-only.

11. Aims & Scope for *Contenance Reports*

Contenance Reports is the open access journal for the International Continence Society (ICS), which is complementary to Contenance. The new Contenance Reports journal is dedicated to the publication of high quality and innovative content that will benefit patients with urinary, bowel and pelvic floor disorders by advancing science, in keeping with the mission of the ICS, whose broad membership covers multiple disciplines including physicians, surgeons, nurses, physicists, physiotherapists, bioengineers and scientists. Contenance Reports articles will include original research papers, case-based studies, research summaries, patient reports and reviews as well as meeting reports and research protocols. All articles are peer reviewed by a panel of dedicated experts in their field and proof-read by copy editors. Contenance Reports reflects the evolving publishing model so all published papers will have unrestricted access and be published online-only.