

Introducing the Journal of the National Hispanic Medical Association: A Journal for Our Communities

By JNHMA Editorial Board

Medicine in the 21st Century is complex. Our patients and our communities are facing multiple barriers to health. Our job as health professionals requires collaboration, compassion, and a commitment to betterment for our patients and for ourselves. That was the seed that gave birth to the Journal and the words that you are reading today.

NHMA members work to improve the health and well-being of Hispanic populations locally, regionally, and nationally through mentorship, education, healthcare delivery, and advocacy. As health professionals who care for Hispanic patients, we are committed to improving Hispanic health. If these words resonate with you, welcome! The Journal of the National Hispanic Medical Association (JNHMA) is for you. The JNHMA will provide a forum for idea sharing, research findings, and advocacy for our diverse Hispanic communities.

As a virtual link where members can engage to share unique perspectives and best practices, the JNHMA seeks to publish peer-reviewed articles that impact Hispanic health and looks forward to reviewing your contributions. JNHMA is an open-access journal published online to support universal access. Articles are reviewed and published on an ongoing basis. The articles may focus on clinical, educational, research, or community aspects of Hispanic health. It is our goal that the articles published within these virtual pages will advance knowledge to improve Hispanic health. We are intentionally not specialty specific. We acknowledge the importance of interprofessional teams in optimizing care for our patient population. We are committed to intergenerational growth and mentorship, as an investment in our children's future.

We welcome studies across the full spectrum of clinical experience from health to illness and back. We encourage an understanding of translational research from bench to bedside and bedside to bench. We welcome insights from our communities that give real, on-the-ground perspectives to scientific knowledge gained. We consider health and illness to include multiple factors, including but not limited to, biological, emotional, social, cultural, and economic. The work presented in the Journal is expansive. The focus is narrow: Hispanic health.

During this year's NHMA Conference 2023, we welcome the Journal; we welcome you, the reader; and we welcome you, the writer. Together, let's make a difference!

Sincerely,
The JNHMA Editorial Board