

Why a New Journal?

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We are honored to offer the first peer-reviewed journal on nephrology in our country. Your colleagues in the Iranian Society of Nephrology have come to the conclusion that an official publication for the growing community of nephrologists in Iran is necessary. Furthermore, the potential of providing a representative from the Middle East encouraged us to aim at international and long-term perspective. Hence, we decided to publish the *Iranian Journal of Kidney Diseases (IJKD)* in English.

In our country, we have faced an increasing trend of kidney diseases, and in parallel, the number of nephrologists has increased. In this area, it is necessary to provide scientific materials which reflect research activities and new findings in the country. In the recent years, Iranian nephrologists have been impressively active in the international meetings all around the world and they have presented a great number of papers. However, publication of these scientific materials in the international journals has usually encountered problems due to being considered as “overseas papers.” While,

we can find many interesting articles among the papers coming from the countries in the region, a small proportion of them have the chance to be accessible worldwide. Thus, lack of an accredited journal is sensible. We believe that publication of all valid and reliable studies done in our field is a necessity, since they have spent the budget that should be ultimately useful for the patients. Accordingly, it is our responsibility to provide an opportunity for the researchers to have their papers appraised and reviewed by the peers, and finally published with a desirable quality.

The first issue of the *IJKD* is now released and we wish that as the first step, it can bring about the hope that you have a good place to have your knowledge and experiences in nephrology be shared with all colleagues easily. The editorial team of the *IJKD* welcomes your collaboration and invaluable comments.

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