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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE EXTENDED

### *JGIM SYMPOSIUM ON OBSERVATIONAL STUDIES OF THERAPEUTIC, PREVENTIVE and BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS*

Papers should be submitted following *JGIM's* online procedures (select “Observational Studies Symposium” from the drop down menu) by **July 12, 2010**. This symposium will focus on high quality studies of health care interventions that are conducted using observational approaches (e.g., cohort studies, case control studies) rather than randomized controlled trials. An accompanying editorial will highlight study features that are critical indicators of study quality when observational data are used, including rigorous adjustment for treatment selection bias. This symposium will also demonstrate the role of observational study designs in addressing patient populations or types of treatment that are difficult or impossible to study using standard randomized controlled trial approaches.

#### FOUR TYPES OF SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

(See instructions for authors on the *JGIM* website, <http://jgim.iusm.iu.edu/>, for further details about article types.)

**1. Original Research:** No longer than 3000 words describing original research, with frugal use of tables and figures. Include a structured *Abstract* of no more than 300 words. At the discretion of the Editors, authors of some manuscripts submitted as Original Research will be asked to shorten to the length of a Brief Report (1500 words with no more than 2 tables or figures and 20 references).

**2. Perspectives:** No longer than 2,000 words and an abstract of no more than 200 words. Written to provide the author's views regarding observational studies of health care interventions. Topics may include (but are not limited to): methodological controversies; ethical, historical, or political dimensions of comparative effectiveness studies using observational methods; and strengths and shortcomings of previously published observational effectiveness studies.

**3. Reviews:** No longer than 3,500 words, with an abstract of a maximum of 300 words. These should be either traditional or systematic reviews of methodologic quality in observational studies of health care interventions. Systematic reviews are expected to adhere to the PRISMA guidelines (<http://www.prisma-statement.org/>).

We anticipate publishing approximately 5 to 7 peer-reviewed articles in a special symposium section of a regular issue of *JGIM*. All articles will undergo *JGIM's* editorial and peer review process.

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