

JMIR Publications

ANNUAL REPORT

Transforming the Future of Open Science 2025

Generative Pre-trained Transformer

AI Scribe

Digital Phenotyping

Chatbot

Electronic Health Records

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Gemini

Natural Language Processing

DeepSeek

Large Language Models

Deep Learning

ChatGPT

Artificial Intelligence

Generative AI

Machine Learning

Digital Twin

Mobile App

Smartwatch

Wearables

Augmented Reality

Radiomics

mHealth

Digital Health

Virtual Reality

Message From our CEO

JMIR Publications is committed to being a true partner to our authors and research community. As we reflect on 2025, having published 6200 articles from authors in 99 countries, we recognize that our role extends far beyond providing a platform. We work hand-in-hand with authors to champion the stories within their research.

This year, we deepened our impact by responding directly to the evolving needs of the scientific community. We heard that for knowledge to be truly democratized, financial barriers must be removed. We acted by expanding our support for under-resourced authors and increasing our waived Article Processing Fees (APFs) by 7%. This ensures that groundbreaking research is judged solely on its scientific merit, not its funding. We also recognized the widening gap between dense academic inquiry and public understanding. In response, we launched our News & Perspectives section. This initiative is about translation—turning rigorous data into actionable insights that empower patients, practitioners, and policymakers alike.

JMIR Publications upholds its commitment to editorial excellence, but we cannot do it alone. We extend our sincere gratitude to our 430 editorial board members and thousands of peer reviewers. Your expertise ensures the integrity of the science we publish. As we look to 2026, we remain your dedicated partner: listening, acting, and advancing the science and practice of digital health together.

Sincerely,
Sean Jeong
CEO



Innovation

Research Integrity Initiatives

JMIR Publications took major steps in 2025 to increase research integrity by significantly expanding its infrastructure for protecting the scientific record. A cornerstone of this effort was the strategic partnership with **Signals**, which integrates automated manuscript checking and AI-supported investigations through Sleuth AI, Signals' AI-powered research integrity assistant, across the entire JMIR portfolio.



Furthermore, JMIR Publications also officially joined the **International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers (STM)** and integrated the **STM Integrity Hub**. The Hub enables publishers to access fraud detection capabilities, while informing independent publisher-by-publisher decisions about how to use the information the Hub provides.



Beyond these partnerships, **Matthew Swift** was brought on as a research integrity manager. Matthew is responsible for the management of publication ethics and integrity cases across the entire JMIR portfolio, including cases related to peer review integrity, authorship disputes, data integrity, and adherence to ethical standards.

A collaborative webinar was co-facilitated by Matthew Swift and **Elliott Lumb**, Co-Founder, Signals on **Research Integrity in Scientific Publishing: Developments, Challenges, and Solutions**. They discussed understanding the functions of a research integrity team, identifying the functions of editorial notices, exploring Signals' role in research integrity as well as its collaboration with JMIR Publications, and more.

WEBINAR

December 4, 2025 11 AM ET

Research Integrity In Scientific Publishing: Developments, Challenges, and Solutions

Elliott Lumb, PhD
Co-Founder, Signals

Matt Swift, PhD
Research Integrity Manager,
JMIR Publications

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Advancing Digital Health & Open Science

Signals.

News & Perspectives Section

In September, JMIR Publications formally launched the **News & Perspectives** section of the *Journal of Medical Internet Research* as part of a broader digital health news initiative. News & Perspectives features grounded, intellectually responsible analysis and reporting on topics across the digital health spectrum, from innovation, research, and clinical applications to equity, ethics, and policy.

We invite you to explore our latest articles and engage with the high-caliber reporting of our distinguished correspondents, whose expert insights bring a unique depth to the most pressing issues in digital health today.

- **Beyond Waiting: How Patients Are Reshaping Digital Health** by Anshu Ankolekar, JMIR Correspondent
- **The Potential and Peril of Artificial Intelligence in the Emergency Department** by Wendy Glauser, JMIR Correspondent
- **“Feasible but Fragile”: An Inflection Point for Artificial Intelligence in Mental Health Care** by Kayleigh-Ann Clegg, JMIR Publications, Scientific News Editor

Building on the success and popularity of the News & Perspectives section, JMIR Publications sought an additional way to share this valuable information with the community. In December, we launched the **Digital Health Debrief** newsletter on LinkedIn as part of the digital health news initiative. The newsletter aims to keep the digital health community up-to-date on recent JMIR News & Perspectives articles, as well as informed about upcoming conferences and events, job postings, funding opportunities, and other digital health news and resources.

Digital Health Debrief
JMIR News & Perspectives



Innovation



Empowering the Next Generation: 2025 Early Career Researcher Award

A standout accomplishment in 2025 was the launch of our Early Career Researcher Award, a program specifically designed to level the playing field for emerging scholars. Recognizing that fresh perspectives are essential for scientific innovation, JMIR Publications provided a comprehensive support package—including full APF waivers—to help bright minds overcome systemic barriers in academic publishing. Beyond financial support, the initiative offers winners enhanced visibility through dedicated press releases, digital credentials, and a featured awards ceremony webinar.

We are proud to announce that the selection process for our 5 inaugural winners is complete. These researchers represent the future of their respective fields, with groundbreaking work spanning bioinformatics and biotechnology, biomedical engineering, neurotechnology, perioperative medicine, and XR and spatial computing. Their award-winning research is currently undergoing our rigorous editorial process, and we look forward to publishing this featured eCollection in 2026.

These were the top themes for the research published in 2025:



Global Audience

Institutional Partnerships

JMIR's Institutional Partnership program has been expanding opportunities for open access publishing for several years. In 2025, we had 21 new organizations join the program. Researchers at more than 140 global institutions are now eligible for reduced or no-fee open access publishing in JMIR's journals.



APA 2025 Annual Meeting
Los Angeles, CA

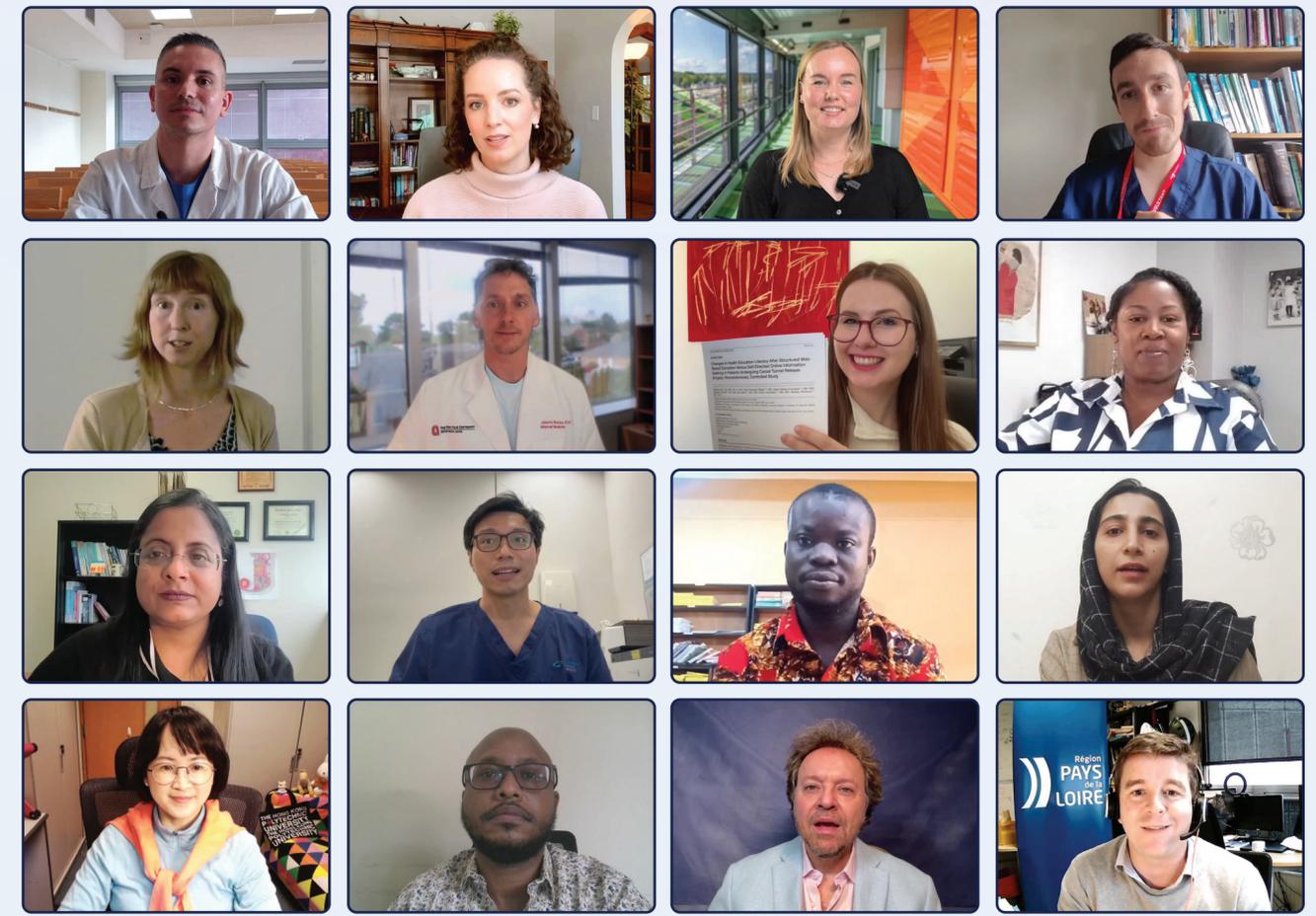
MEDINFO 2025
Taipei, Taiwan

Charleston Conference
Charleston, SC

AMIA Annual Symposium
Atlanta, GA

APHA Annual Meeting and Expo
Washington, DC

Authors are from **99** different countries around the world



Momentum

6200
articles published

Our website welcomed **12.1 million** visitors
from **195** countries to explore our research

72% journals have Scopus CiteScore rankings

197,412 citations were received in 2025

12 journals are in the first quartile and **16** journals saw their CiteScore increase

58% journals have a Clarivate Impact Factor



Amplify

Audience

Author Stories 171 videos submitted by our authors

Social Media Our social media posts were seen **3,902,810** times!

Our recent engagement data reveals a strong audience interest in both academic opportunities and curated industry insights. A standout performer on X (formerly Twitter) was our Call for Papers announcement for the *JMIR Rehabilitation and Assistive Technologies* theme issue on **telerehabilitation**. This post highlighted a growing demand for specialized publication venues that bridge the gap between technical innovation and clinical practice.

The December launch of our LinkedIn newsletter, Digital Health Debrief, saw an immediate and enthusiastic response, securing nearly 3000 subscribers in its inaugural month. This rapid growth underscores a significant appetite for synthesized, expert-led content. By centralizing our News & Perspectives program into a digestible format, we have successfully established a high-value resource for practitioners and researchers.



New Research Reveals the Secret to Managing Seborrheic Dermatitis



Social Media and the Future of Arbovirus Surveillance



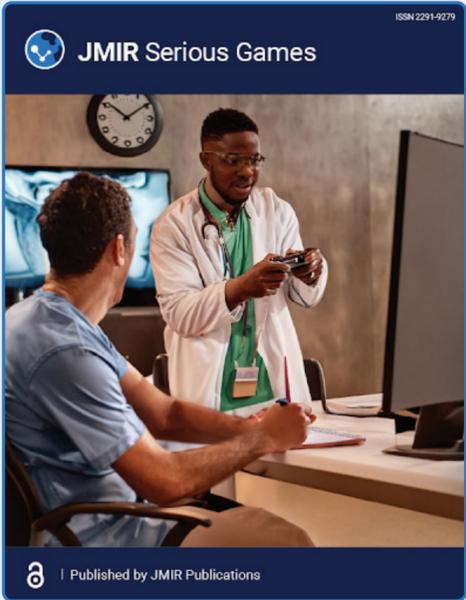
YouTube subscribers increased by **866%**

2.7 million views

Visual Storytelling & Trust

Our **Author Stories program** has become a cornerstone of our communication strategy. By translating peer-reviewed papers into engaging, human-centered narratives—such as our most-watched videos on **seborrheic dermatitis and diet** and **digital arbovirus tracking**—we provide a transparent look into the research process while making clinical data accessible and actionable for a global audience.

Impact



Top Altmetric Article Published in 2025

Effects of Computerized Cognitive Training on Vesicular Acetylcholine Transporter Levels using [18F]Fluoroethoxybenzovesamicol Positron Emission Tomography in Healthy Older Adults: Results from the Improving Neurological Health in Aging via Neuroplasticity-based Computerized Exercise (INHANCE) Randomized Clinical Trial
 by Mouna Attarha, Ana de Figueiredo Pelegrino, Lydia Ouellet, Paule-Joanne Toussaint, Sarah-Jane Grant, Thomas Van Vleet, Etienne de Villers-Sidani



Top Cited Article Published in 2025

MetaAnalysisOnline.com: Web-Based Tool for the Rapid Meta-Analysis of Clinical and Epidemiological Studies
 by János Tibor Fekete and Balázs Györfy



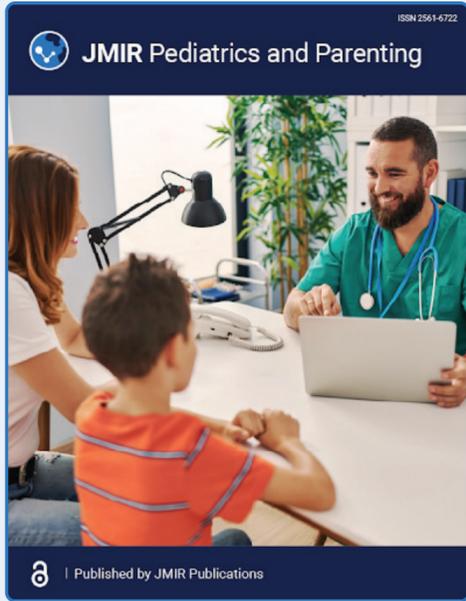
**Articles of Note:
Impact on Policy**

Prevalence of Health Misinformation on Social Media: Systematic Review
 by Victor Suarez-Lledo and Javier Alvarez-Galvez, mentioned in the World Health Organization policy document "Marco de competencias para el autocuidado: volumen 1: normas mundiales de competencia de los trabajadores de la salud y asistenciales para apoyar el autocuidado de las personas"



**Articles of Note:
Impact on Policy**

Social Media Use and Health and Well-being of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Youth: Systematic Review
 by Matthew N Berger, Melody Taba, Jennifer L Marino, Megan S C Lim, S Rachel Skinner, mentioned in the OECD report "How's Life for Children in the Digital Age?"



**Articles of Note:
Impact on Policy**

Youth Perspectives on the Recommended Age of Mobile Phone Adoption: Survey Study
 by Aliah Richter, Victoria Adkins, Ellen Selkie in the Publications Office of the European Union publication "Mapping evidence of decline in basic skills and potential contributing factors"



Community

Peer Review Recognition

In 2025, JMIR Publications launched a new Peer Review Recognition Program to formally honor the vital contributions of our reviewers in maintaining scholarly integrity. This initiative celebrates lifetime achievement milestones by awarding annual digital badges and certificates of accomplishment, beginning at 15 peer reviews and scaling to over 400.

10,952 PEER REVIEWERS



Editorial Board Recognition

In 2025, we also introduced the Editorial Board Recognition Program to celebrate the expertise and long-term commitment of our active board members. This program honors service milestones through an annual tiered system, beginning with digital badges and anniversary certificates for each year of service. To recognize extended dedication, members who reach 3 or more years of service receive a physical long-service plaque.

430 EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS



Society Partnerships

JMIR Publications remains deeply integrated into the global research ecosystem through strategic partnerships with leading industry bodies and specialized medical societies. By collaborating with these organizations, we provide dedicated platforms for inclusive, community-driven research that directly impacts patient care.



Community

16 WEBINARS

5500+ PEOPLE REGISTERED



Webinars

In 2025, JMIR Publications partnered with the Society of Digital Psychiatry (SODP) for a webinar series hosted by *JMIR Mental Health* editor-in-chief John Torous, MD, MBI, featuring expert discussions on the cutting edge of digital mental health innovation and clinical practice.

As the official journal of the SODP, *JMIR Mental Health* continues to solidify its position as the premier venue for evidence-based digital interventions. Our partnership with SODP is a cornerstone of our community-led strategy, aligning the journal's high-impact research with the SODP's focus on clinical education and technical standards.

Our commitment to this community was prominently displayed through our joint presence at the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. This physical presence reinforced our role as a trusted partner for researchers looking to translate their work into meaningful clinical practice.

The journal's growing influence is reflected in its latest performance metrics, achieving a Journal Impact Factor of 5.8 and a CiteScore of 10.2, placing it in the top 10% of all psychiatry and mental health journals (Q1). These strong indicators, combined with high-profile global engagement at the SODP Annual Symposium and the SODP Symposium for Australia, have fueled a significant upward trend in high-quality publications. By integrating global scholarly dialogue with rigorous academic standards, we continue to cultivate a vibrant ecosystem that supports both the SODP's mission and the journal's year-over-year growth.

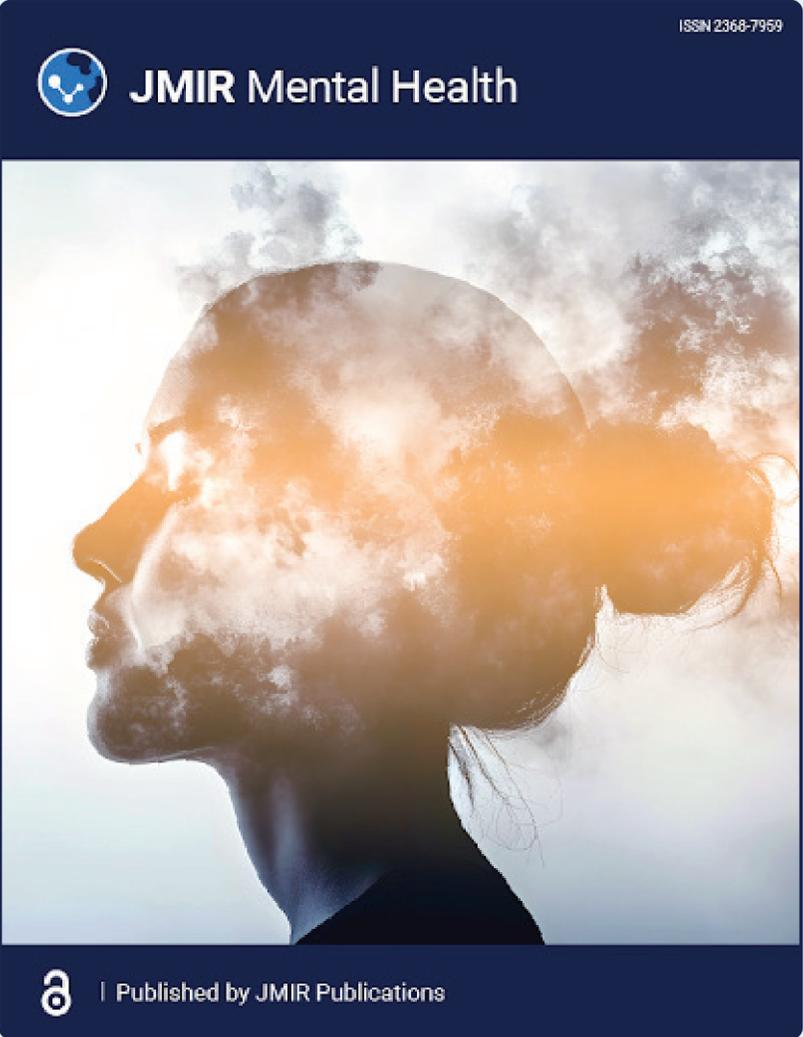
SODP SYMPOSIUM: September 30, 2025 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM AEST
Live Virtually From Australia

**Advancing Digital Mental Health:
AI, Youth Engagement, and
Suicide Prevention**

2025 Society of Digital Psychiatry Symposium

What Journalists Saw First: How Reporting Identifies AI's Mental Health Signals Before Clinical Science

Meghana Keshavan, BS



John Torous, MD, MBI
Harvard Medical School,
Editor-in-Chief, *JMIR Mental Health*

Management Team

None of these achievements would have been possible without the tireless dedication of our talented team, and we extend our deepest gratitude to all JMIR Publications staff for their contributions to an exceptional year. It is our pleasure to introduce the managers and executive leadership whose vision and guidance continue to drive our mission forward.



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About Us

JMIR Publications is a leading open access publisher of digital health research and a champion of open science. With a focus on author advocacy and research amplification, JMIR Publications partners with researchers to advance their careers and maximize the impact of their work. As a technology organization with publishing at its core, we provide innovative tools and resources that go beyond traditional publishing, supporting researchers at every step of the dissemination process. Our portfolio features a range of peer-reviewed journals, including the renowned *Journal of Medical Internet Research*.

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