

WebmedCentral Specialty Advisory Board: Roles and Responsibilities

WebmedCentral Specialty Advisory Board consists of internationally renowned scientists selected for their expertise and commitment to our publishing model. The mission of "WebmedCentral Specialty Advisory Board" would be to enhance its relationship with biomedical scientists by understanding our platform, providing constructive feedback and helping it develop further.

They will be expected to familiarise themselves with our functionalities, believe in the concept of post publication peer review, and be supportive of open access. They will ensure WebmedCentral continues to be an open and transparent communication tool for biomedical scientists across the globe and keeps pace with changing needs of the science and the scientists.

WebmedCentral will, in turn, publicly acknowledge their contribution on our portal. They will be able to freely recommend lead faculty and faculty in their speciality. They will also be able to publish three articles for free on WebmedCentral every year. The appointment of advisory board members will be typically for duration of two years. The period may be extended further or terminated at the sole discretion of WebmedCentral management.

Following is a brief summary of the current roles and responsibilities of WebmedCentral Specialty Advisory Board members.

1. Engage with fellow members of WebmedCentral Advisory Board and WebmedCentral Specialty Advisory Board to develop the portal and advise the directors of WebmedCentral on scientific matters. Members are encouraged to write freely to each other and also the board of directors of WebmedCentral. Members are further reminded that we now have functioning forums on WebmedCentral. Please use them. WebmedCentral Board of Directors will in turn carefully consider the advice given in its board meetings.
2. WebmedCentral Specialty Advisory Board members are overall in charge of publication, reviews, and comments on their specialty pages on WebmedCentral. They help guide the direction of debate and are encouraged to freely share their views on important matters.
3. They ensure that post publication peer review system on WebmedCentral works efficiently. They work with Lead Faculty/Faculty/Scholarly Reviewers in their speciality to ensure that reviews maintain scientific objectivity and are fair and impartial. They can freely invite and appoint any deserving scientist as lead faculty/faculty in their speciality. In future, they will have an important say in deciding continuing role of lead faculty/faculty in their speciality.
4. They will help WebmedCentral decide featured articles for specialty pages and also deal with flagged articles/reviews and issues with regards to plagiarism, ethical, and scientific matters concerning articles posted.
5. Advise WebmedCentral on important general scientific issues and guide further technical developments.

6. Ensure WebmedCentral moves on with times and continues to be an important tool for transparent scientific communications for all biomedical scientists.

7. Participate in discussions/meetings upon request by WebmedCentral.

Webmed's Publication policy

Webmed publishes articles under two different models on its twin portals: **WMC (WebmedCentral)** and **plus** (aka **WebmedCentral plus**, soon to be launched).

On **WMC**, we publish a range of articles without any prepublication peer review in virtually every [biomedical discipline](#). We aim to publish all articles within 48 hours of submission. All but the clearly irrelevant and unscientific work is published. **WMC** encourages scientists and readers to submit their reviews on the published material freely. We reserve the right to remove any inappropriate reviews. We also ask our reviewers about their credentials in the field so that our readers may judge the information accordingly. All the information supplied to us is dealt in accordance with our [privacy policy](#). If any article which is obviously flawed or unscientific or harmful comes to your notice, please [contact us](#) and your concerns will be dealt with appropriately.

plus (soon to be launched), on the other hand, will only publish articles after editorial checks and peer reviews. Please watch the space for further details on **plus**. We are currently recruiting editorial team for **plus**.

Webmed's Peer review policy:

With its twin portals (**WMC and plus**) with different approaches to peer review, Webmed is attempting to offer a unique choice to scientists to publish their research on the platform suitable for it. Those who value the freedom to be able to publish without any prior editorial and peer screening will value what **WMC** offers. It provides scientists with a low cost, rapid, transparent system of publishing in a climate of open post publication peer review and debate. It overcomes many difficulties posed by the traditional prepublication peer review system, which may at times hinder transparent scientific communication, delay the publication process and add to the cost of publishing. There is also a possibility of inherent bias within it leaving manuscripts at the mercy of editors and reviewers. **WMC** has full faith in the honesty and integrity of the scientific community and we at **WMC** firmly believe that most researchers and authors who have something to contribute should have an opportunity to do so. Each piece of research will then find its own place in scientific literature based on its merit.

WMC publishes under a novel method of post publication peer review, which is author driven and controlled by our team of faculty and advisors. Post publication peer review is provided by **WMC** faculties, **WMC** scholarly reviewers, external reviewers on our database, author suggested reviewers, other reviewers invited by our Lead Faculties and probably most significantly, also our readers.

Authors would be given every opportunity to respond to the reviews using Authors' comment section and the readers would have full access to the entire communiqué. Our intention is to generate a healthy debate on each published work. Authors may also submit revised versions of articles with additional information to satisfy queries raised, if they so wish. This will ensure that manuscripts never become outdated. We hope this would not only make the peer-review process more transparent and comprehensive, but also overcome the inherent delays and cost associated with the traditional publication process.

plus (soon to be launched), on the other hand, will publish articles after editorial checks and peer reviews. This is our effort to include scientists who value publication in a pre publication peer review model for their specific needs. It will also help **WMC** articles of suitable standard find entry into mainstream accepted literature.

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