In several months *Military Medicine* will have a substantially different appearance than in its current format. These changes are in response to reader and AMSUS member feedback and to our ongoing cost containment efforts so that the Journal can remain viable and valuable for many, many years to come.

Most significantly, given the success of having moved Case Reports to the on-line version of the Journal, all Original Articles, Brief Reports, and Review Articles will move to the on-line format, as well. Only what was known previously as an abstract will be published in print in the format of:

“Expanded Abstract?” or “BLUF – Bottom Line Up Front?” or “Military Medical Scholarship at a Glance”

Importantly, the word limit has been increased to 250 to 500 words from the former 200 word limit and there will be approximately one expanded “abstract” published per print page. Authors will be encouraged to use this introductory page to clearly but succinctly describe their work in sufficient detail to entice the readers to go to the full article to read more. The classic concepts of introduction or purpose, methods, results, and discussion have been modified to become: Background, Methods, Findings, and Discussion/Impact/Recommendations. The Background should describe why the work was conducted and the Methods should be included so that the reader can gain a sense as to how the study was conducted. The Discussion gains greater importance, however, in describing the impact that this original or review work will have on the practice of military and federal medicine.

The full text and official version of a published article will be the on-line version. This will include, again, the introductory page verbatim and the full Background, Methods, Findings/Results, and Discussion/Impact/Recommendations. Importantly, full color reproduction of images, figures, and tables will be encouraged for the on-line articles whereas this is still not possible in the abbreviated print version.

AMSUS, the Editorial Board, and the Editorial Staff regret the current backlog of manuscripts awaiting publication. With the move to the new format, it is anticipated that the backlog will be cleared within a few months.

Most importantly, we believe that the new format will enhance the readability of the print version of *Military Medicine*, allow for a modest expansion of the numbers and sizes of tables and figures, and encourage color images while reducing the submission to publication time for manuscripts and being good custodians of the resources provided to the Journal to continue publication well into the future.

Please feel free to share with the Editorial Staff your suggestions and comments once we have made the necessary changes. We truly hope and anticipate that you will find the changes to be significant improvements!

Thank you.

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