

# Journal of Radiology Case Reports: Policy Updates

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## ABSTRACT

This article describes policy updates for manuscripts submitted after November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 to the interactive *Journal of Radiology Case Reports*.

## EDITORIAL

Since its debut in July 2008, the *Journal of Radiology Case Reports* (1) has experienced a growing positive feedback - not only in regard of its dedication to high quality Radiology case reports, but especially in regard of the provided interactivity. Interactivity is an integral and crucial feature of this journal because this enhances and raises the reader's learning experience to a new level which has been not experienced yet in other journals. Herewith, the editorial team would like to thank all authors who contributed already published articles as well as authors, who submitted manuscripts which are yet pending in review status (2).

To improve even more our reader's learning experience, this journal will implement a new educational feature:

From November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 on, the *Journal of Radiology Case Reports* will offer another educational feature: a self assessment module for each published article. This module will allow the reader to test the learning progress based on information provided in the respective article. For this reason, authors of new manuscripts, submitted on or after November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 will be required to provide 3 multiple choice questions - targeted to the knowledge provided in the submitted manuscript. Each question will have 5 answer choices. The answers may be either single best answer (only one correct) or contain several correct answers (more than one correct). The correct answers need to be marked as correct by the author. Furthermore, an explanation follows the question and answers, explaining why the answer choices are correct (or wrong). The appropriate sentences in the article need to be cited in parenthesis “()” to guide the reader to the appropriate section in the article.

In summary, required items are (x3):

1. Question (pertinent to the article)
2. 5 answer choices (single best answer or multiple correct answers)
3. Explanation

The template for the multiple choice questions are included in the manuscript template, which can be downloaded from the journal website (3).

Another policy addition is the author requirement to comment on if patient's written consent was obtained to publish the article. This needs to be added in the cover page of the manuscript template (3). The reasoning behind this is the increasing availability of direct and indirect patient information over the Internet and the potential to find and recognize data related to the own or known persons. A dedicated article about case reports and patient data protection will be published in one of the next issues of the *Journal of Radiology Case Reports*.

More information about the author guidelines can be obtained on the journal website (4).

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