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Editor-in-Chief Job Description ***Clinical Orthopaedics & Related Research*®**

Application Deadline: Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Submit applications and inquiries related to the *CORR*® Editor-in-Chief search to
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The Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons® (ABJS®) is seeking the next Editor-in-Chief (EiC) for *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*® for a five-year term effective January 1, 2028.

Position Summary

Through *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research*® (*CORR*®), ABJS is dedicated to disseminating high-quality, evidence-based, musculoskeletal research, diagnoses, and treatment techniques. The EiC supports the mission of ABJS to advance the science and practice of orthopaedic surgery by creating, evaluating, and disseminating new knowledge and by facilitating interaction among all orthopaedic specialties. *CORR* publishes the latest clinical and basic research and informed opinions that shape today's orthopaedic practice. *CORR* aims to be the premier journal providing an international perspective by advancing knowledge of the musculoskeletal system. The EiC sets the future editorial direction of *CORR* and has final authority for the selection and quality of all content published in *CORR*. The EiC will have a broad knowledge of the specialty and will have a clearly articulated vision for *CORR*.

EiC Responsibilities

The EiC sets *CORR*'s standards for manuscript acceptance, while maintaining an infrastructure to ensure rapid, rigorous, and fair peer review. *CORR* adheres to the recommendations of the ICMJE Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals and is a member of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). The EiC will have basic knowledge of scholarly publishing ethics and will embrace the resources available from ICMJE, COPE, and the publisher to navigate specific publication ethics issues as they arise. The EiC is expected to follow editorial and publishing best practices and will be committed to working collaboratively with the *CORR* Editorial Board, the *CORR* Board of Trustees, the ABJS Executive Committee, and the *CORR* Editorial Office staff.

ABJS recognizes the importance of editorial independence and acknowledges the EiC's responsibility for receiving, reviewing, selecting, and approving editorial content published in *CORR*. The EiC serves at the pleasure of the *CORR* Board of Trustees with direct responsibility to the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

CORR's EiC will endeavor to continually increase the journal's global impact as a leading peer-reviewed journal in the fields of orthopaedic surgery and musculoskeletal medicine. The EiC will champion CORR's editorial policies and standards while maintaining and advancing publication of the highest-quality and most relevant research. The EiC may propose new editorial policies or changes to existing policies. Such additions and changes are subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

The EiC is responsible for structuring, managing, selecting, and overseeing the performance of the CORR Editorial Board (upon the recommendation of the EiC, Senior Editors and Deputy Editors will be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the CORR Board of Trustees). Applicants invited to interview with the Editor Search Committee will have the opportunity to present their concepts for the Editorial Board structure and CORR's editorial workflow.

The EiC's day-to-day responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Responsibility, authority, and accountability for all peer-reviewed content published in CORR.
- Cultivating and managing an Editorial Board with diverse interests and expertise in an environment that encourages mentorship, growth, active participation, creativity, and wellness.
- Engagement with the authorship community to consistently attract high-quality submissions.
- Continually developing and maintaining a pool of reviewers representing the global scope of research and practice.
- Understanding and committing to the principles of accessibility and fairness as these apply to medical journals, research, and clinical care.
- Soliciting potentially influential research manuscripts and review articles from leading global researchers.
- Establishing appropriate and well-defined peer-review procedures and ensuring a timely, unbiased, and faithfully executed review process.
- Directing the timely triage, review, and decision process for all submitted manuscripts while maintaining high standards for acceptance with rigorous and rapid peer review.
- With the support of the Editorial Office, ensure an adequate inventory of high-quality manuscripts per an agreed-upon publication schedule.
- As necessary, directly corresponding with authors, editors, and reviewers regarding peer review and manuscript decisions.
- Developing opportunities to educate and nurture new authors and peer reviewers on publishing best practices.
- Adhering to the journal's conflict of interest and disclosure policies to minimize any real and perceived conflicts that are pertinent to the integrity of the journal and its published content.
- Handling incidents of error and allegations of publication misconduct and, as appropriate, keeping ABJS and the Publisher informed.
- Serve in an ex-officio role on the CORR Board of Trustees.

The CORR EiC will primarily focus on the scientific quality of content published in the journal. The EiC is supported by an Editorial Office staff employed by ABJS. The Editorial Office is responsible for all administrative aspects of the peer review process, including communication with authors and reviewers and reporting editorial statistics. The Editorial Office will maintain oversight of the submission and review of manuscripts, escalating any issues or concerns to the EiC. ABJS currently partners with Wolters Kluwer to publish CORR. The Publisher is responsible for production quality, including the journal style, layout, digital delivery, marketing, and sales of CORR. The EiC interacts with the publishing team, CORR Board of Trustees, and ABJS Executive Committee on strategic

initiatives. ABJS staff is responsible for managing all business and contractual aspects of the partnership with the Publisher, to not compromise CORR's editorial independence.

The EiC attends at least two in-person meetings (and virtual meetings on an as-needed basis) of the CORR Board of Trustees. The EiC will deliver regular reports on CORR's editorial performance, including key submission and publication statistics (based on data provided by the Editorial Office and the publisher) and any notable editorial activities. The EiC will be expected to convene regular meetings of the Senior Editors and the Editorial Board. Currently, the EiC chairs a bi-annual meeting of the CORR Senior Editors and hosts a virtual meeting of the Editorial Board each year.

The CORR EiC role entails near-daily responsibilities advancing papers through the peer review system, Editorial Manager. The required time commitment will be highly dependent on the structure of the Editorial Board and the journal's workflow. The EiC will receive monetary compensation from the ABJS for their work, all terms to be detailed in a contract agreed by the candidate and ABJS.

Qualifications and Required Skills

The EiC will be committed to maintaining the reputation of CORR for high-quality and timely publication and will serve as a global ambassador for CORR and ABJS. The CORR EiC will:

- be a recognized expert in orthopaedic surgery and musculoskeletal medicine with a broad, global perspective.
- have a strong academic footprint and have a background that reflects high standards in research and publication.
- possess publishing knowledge demonstrated by experience as an author, reviewer, editorial board member, associate editor, and/or editor-in-chief experience with peer-reviewed journals.
- be in a position to recruit respected experts to serve on the CORR Editorial Board.
- be fair and trustworthy while possessing the ability to make difficult decisions.
- understand and be committed to the principles of accessibility and fairness as these apply to medical journals, research, and clinical care.
- demonstrate strong leadership, organizational and communication skills, with a focus on service and positive author and reader experiences.
- be an effective leader with a high level of organizational, editorial, strategic, and political awareness and sensitivity.
- motivate and coach the editorial team and seek to build a strong sense of collaboration, inclusiveness, teamwork, innovation, and engagement.
- disclose to the CORR Board of Trustees any financial or other relationships that may be perceived or actual conflicts of interest and agree to recuse themselves from the review and editorial decision process for any manuscript for which there is a conflict of interest.
- not serve as editor or in a senior editorial position for any competing journal or publication during the term as EiC of CORR.

The CORR EiC will perform all editorial obligations in a manner consistent with the highest standards of professionalism, competence, integrity, and ethics, and will not engage in any conduct that may bring harm or disrepute upon the journal or ABJS.

Term

The EiC will be appointed by the CORR Board of Trustees for an initial 5-year term from January 1, 2028 through December 31, 2032 with potential for an additional 5-year term at the invitation of the CORR Board of Trustees. The appointment of the next CORR EiC will be announced in late 2026 or early 2027. The incoming EiC will work alongside CORR's current EiC, Seth S. Leopold, MD, whose term ends in December 2027. The transition period will begin in the latter half of 2027 on a schedule determined by the CORR Board of Trustees. During the transition period, the new EiC will be trained on the Editorial Manager system, will invite and finalize a new Editorial Board, and will assume responsibility for new article submissions expected to be published in the 2028 issues of CORR.

Applications

Interested candidates may apply for the CORR EiC position by submitting an application package including their **curriculum vitae and a letter of interest summarizing their qualifications, motivation to apply for the role, and vision for CORR (3 pages maximum)**. Applications are due by **Wednesday, July 1, 2026**. Please submit your application materials to CORReditorsearch@gmail.com.

Selected applicants will be invited to present their candidacy to the Editor Search Committee in Summer 2026. Candidates invited to interview with the Committee will be required to complete a conflict-of-interest form to disclose any current professional relationships/activities/interests, financial or otherwise, with for-profit or not-for-profit third parties.

Following the completion of interviews and any necessary follow-up with candidates, the Editor Search Committee will make its recommendation for the next CORR EiC to the CORR Board of Trustees. ABJS anticipates announcing the appointment of the next CORR EiC in late 2026.

ABJS has contracted with Kathleen Gaffney of KG Publishing Solutions, Inc. to oversee and assist with the editor search. Questions and applications about the position may be directed to Kathleen at CORReditorsearch@gmail.com or kathleen@kgpubsolutions.com.

About the Journal

CORR is the official journal of ABJS and currently has affiliations with several international organizations. CORR plays a pivotal role in disseminating new and important orthopaedic knowledge, research, and education. The broadly international character of CORR's contributing authors, Editorial Board, and readership provides the journal with its decidedly global perspective. As a leading, high-impact journal, CORR consistently ranks among the top ten journals by Journal Impact Factor in the Orthopedics category of Clarivate Analytics' Journal Citation Report—it is typically among the top three journals with a general orthopaedics focus.

ABJS is committed to equal opportunities for all. All applicants for the EiC position will be considered without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran or disability status. This is a contract position.