



# Annals of Family Medicine Editorial Advisory Board 2021 Annual Report

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## Annals of Family Medicine Editorial Advisory Board

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### **Purpose and Scope of Work**

Founded in 2003, The Annals of Family Medicine is a peer-reviewed research journal serving scientists, practitioners, policymakers, and the patients and communities they serve. It's a product of collaboration between seven family medicine organizations. It is extremely inclusive, as it charges no fees for publication. It is also the top-ranked North American primary care research journal in the world.

### **Activities and Lessons Learned**

As the student representative, I attended each meeting, helped maintain the journal club, and provided a student's perspective regarding how the journal could better involve students. This opportunity has developed my insight on the inner workings of how a research journal functions. I attended annual meetings, learned about the process of selecting and peer-reviewing journal articles, reviewed manuscripts, and helped create the journal club questions for selected articles with the goal of increasing engagement among our readers. It has been extremely eye-opening to participate in the Editorial Board meetings, where we discuss journal impact statistics, issue metrics, and novel research presented in the journal. From my time here, I am encouraged to continue working in the research realm of family medicine. Primary care research is essential to our daily practices and truly improves our quality of care that we provide our patients. I was constantly inspired by the members of the Board and would encourage any future students to apply for this position because it is a great learning opportunity and a starting point for anyone interested in being involved with research in their future careers.

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