

Jay Siwek

Medical Editing Fellowship

American Family Physician is announcing the first Jay Siwek* Medical Editing Fellowship to begin in 2019. It is designed to provide insight into the field of medical journalism, with the goal of adding or enhancing a skillset for career diversification or advancement. This is a one-year remote fellowship with weekly virtual meetings and several in-person meetings to take place at family medicine conferences.

*Jay Siwek, MD, served for 30 years as the editor of *American Family Physician* and is responsible for its transformation from a “magazine” into an evidence-based, scholarly—but practical—clinical resource for family physicians. During his tenure he launched *AFP*’s first fellowship, the John C. Rose Medical Editing Fellowship. Several of *AFP*’s current and past medical editors have been fellows under the guidance of Dr. Siwek, including the current Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Sumi Sexton.

Dr. Siwek currently serves in the role of *AFP* Editor Emeritus. See <https://www.aafp.org/afp/2018/0115/p83.html>

Fellow Duties:

- Review and edit manuscripts and editorials
- Assist with editing various journal departments
- Participate in special projects including *AFP*’s video channel
- Assist the Editor-in-Chief at medical editing workshops at family medicine conferences
- Participate in topic selection and solicitation for articles, editorials, and departments
- Participate in social media and other online initiatives
- Provide feedback as a member of the editorial team

Requirements:

- Board certification in family medicine
- Current involvement in direct patient care (at least part-time)
- Enthusiasm to learn about medical editing and writing (experience encouraged but not required)
- Availability for at least 4 to 6 hours per week dedicated to editing duties
- Availability on Wednesdays for phone or web meetings
- Availability to attend family medicine conferences (dates TBD)

Logistics:

- Remote fellowship with weekly virtual meetings and in-person meetings at conferences
- Honorarium of \$1,500 at completion of the fellowship
- Paid travel for required family medicine conferences
- Start date TBD, but plan for late winter 2019 (likely March)

Applications:

- CV and letter of interest explaining your interest in medical editing, your prior experience in writing or editing, and how this fellowship will diversify or advance your career
- Applications should be sent to afpjourn@aaafp.org; due by 12/1/2018

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