

Greeting from the new editor-in-chief

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It is my great honor and pleasure to serve as the new editor-in-chief of the Nagoya Journal of Medical Science (NJMS), succeeding my esteemed predecessor, Professor Shinya Toyokuni. NJMS is the academic journal of the Nagoya University School of Medicine and Graduate School of Medicine. Its mission is to promote the exchange of academic ideas and opinions among medical researchers, including those at Nagoya University, and to contribute to the advancement of medicine through the publication of peer-reviewed original articles and related papers across a wide range of medical science.

Since its founding in 1923, NJMS has continued to publish medical articles despite many difficulties and uncertainties, and it celebrated its 100th anniversary last year in 2023.¹ Recent important events include the launch of open access publishing and the assignment of an impact factor. Thanks to the visionary decisions of the former editor-in-chief, Professor Toyokuni, and his predecessor, Professor Nobuyuki Hamajima, NJMS opened its website in 2010 and moved to a fully open access journal.² To date, all articles and related papers published from the first issue in 1923 to the latest issue have been archived and are available on the website. Moreover, NJMS has been assigned an impact factor since 2013, proving the scientific quality of NJMS articles and related papers and the reliability of its peer-review system. Open access publishing and the allocation of an impact factor have increased interest in NJMS among researchers worldwide, leading to a dramatic rise in the number of citations and submissions.¹ I would like to express my deep appreciation to the previous editors-in-chief and editorial board members for their dedicated contributions.

As a general medical journal published by a university medical school, NJMS places emphasis on original articles that are evaluated for its long-term value and is not influenced by commercialism or short-term trends. Furthermore, NJMS extends invitations for articles focusing on pioneering research in the clinical implementation of artificial intelligence, as well as medical images that yield valuable insights for clinical practice and medical education. Submissions are encouraged from Japan, Asia, and across the globe.

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