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### DESCRIPTION

The IJWD (website: [www.wdsijwd.org](http://www.wdsijwd.org)) publishes articles pertaining to dermatologic medical, surgical and cosmetic issues faced by female patients and their families. We are interested in original research articles, review articles, unusual case reports, new treatments, clinical trials, education, mentorship and viewpoint articles. Very important articles will have accompanying editorials. Topics which our subsections editors look forward to welcoming include:

- Women's Health
- Oncology
- Surgery and Aesthetics
- Pediatric Dermatology
- Medical Dermatology
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