DESCRIPTION

*JACI: In Practice* is an official publication of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI), and a companion title to the field-leading *The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*. It brings timely clinical papers, instructive case reports, and the latest management recommendations to clinical allergists and other physicians concerned with clinical manifestations of allergic and immunologic diseases in their practice.

**Metrics**

- Mean days from submission to first decision: **11.1**
- Mean days from acceptance to online publication: **6**
- Clarivate Impact Factor: **8.861**, ranking **3rd out of 28** journals in the Allergy category and **19th out of 162** journals in the Immunology category

**Vision**

The vision of *JACI: In Practice* is to be an indispensable resource for clinicians who manage patients with asthma, allergic, immunologic, and related conditions in order to optimize the care and health of these patients.

**Mission**

The mission of *JACI: In Practice* is to provide novel, valid, generalizable, and impactful information to support evidence-based clinical decisions in the diagnosis and management of asthma, allergic, immunologic, and related conditions.

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**Scope**

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allergy, anaphylaxis, dermatologic disorders (including atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis, urticaria, angioedema, and hereditary angioedema [HAE]), immunodeficiency, autoinflammatory syndromes, eosinophilic disorders, and mast cell disorders. The Journal emphasizes cutting edge practical clinical information for practitioners that they can use in everyday practice or will help them acquire new knowledge or skills they can directly apply to patient care. Mechanistic or translational studies without immediate or near future clinical relevance and animal studies are not within the scope of the Journal.

Content
All JACI: In Practice content is peer-reviewed. The Journal welcomes original research articles that fit into the above scope. For each Original Article, a highlight box indicates what is already known about this subject, what this study adds, and how the new information impacts current management guidelines. Shorter original research and instructive case reports are presented as Clinical Communications. "Images in Allergy" articles consist of clinical pictures (eg, X-rays, CT scans, biopsies, allergens, endoscopic visualizations of the airway, eruptions, etc.) and impart important clinical information. In addition, JACI: In Practice features various types of review articles that will primarily be invited by the editors. Many of these offer CME, and the invited Difficult Cases feature offers MOC credit. The original and review articles are supplemented by Editorials, AAAAI Practice Papers, Practice Options From Beyond Our Pages, Ask the Expert, and Practice Pearls features.

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major problem that prompted the study? **Objective:** What is the purpose of the study? **Methods:** How was the study done? **Results:** What are the most important findings? **Conclusion:** What is the most important conclusion drawn?

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6. List the references as complete bibliographic citations following the end of the letter body.
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8. Not have references in the Online Repository.
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Who should submit: Allergy-Immunology Fellows-In-Training partnered with faculty members. Authors do not require an invitation to submit. Submission does not guarantee publication. Suggestions for revisions may be made before the contribution is considered acceptable.

Practice Options From Beyond Our Pages should have the following characteristics:
(1) Be 1,000 words or less.
(2) The title should be a succinct description of the major topic and the potential practice change.
(3) The manuscript text should be arranged in the following format:
(a) Reference: The study that is being reviewed.
(b) Background: The authors should clearly state the current clinical practice and/or guideline and how this study has the potential to change the current practice.
(c) Methods: Summary of the methods used in the study that is being reviewed.
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H. Practice Pearls. This is a feature that promotes sharing of clinical wisdom among practicing allergist-immunologists. A Practice Pearl is something that helps an allergist-immunologist practice more safely, effectively, timely, efficiently, equitably, or in a more patient-centered, way. A Practice Pearl is generally not a case report of a very unique situation and is not based on a formal study, but is rather a solution to a practical challenge that is developed by the submitter and can be applied by allergist-immunologists to help many patients.

Submissions should be structured into two sections: (1) Practice Challenge and (2) Practice Solution. Submissions should be no longer than 300 words and inclusion of up to two illustrations (figures or tables) and two references are optional. Audio and video online supplements are encouraged. Submissions will be peer-reviewed prior to acceptance.

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Case Studies in Health Disparities must:
(1) Be no longer than 1000 words.
(2) Have no more than two visual elements (tables or figures).
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(4) Have a final section of "Practical Tips" based on the case that clinicians could implement in their practices.

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