



The British Medical Ultrasound Society

Job Description

Role: Deputy Editor, *Ultrasound*

Ultrasound is the BMUS journal, which publishes research, best practice, reviews, educational articles, professional guidelines and case reports covering all aspects of medical ultrasound.

Deputy Editors work closely with Editor in Chief (EiC) and publishers production team to support the commissioning of articles and manage the peer review process. Deputy Editors support the Editor in Chief by ensuring that all submissions meet ethical standards and are subject to rigorous and impartial peer review prior to publication. They will be managing the review of manuscripts as delegated by the EiC.

Preference will be offered to a candidate who has wide expertise or interest in ultrasound of the abdomen, thorax, paediatric subject, head and neck, vascular system, musculo-skeletal system or any combination of these specialties. Candidates with interest in any other areas of ultrasound may also apply.

Responsibilities

- To encourage submission of articles within the scope of the journal and in keeping with the charitable objectives of the Society.
- Assist with planning special issues on ultrasound related topics that are of current interest and value to BMUS members and other *Ultrasound* readers. Arrange calls for papers for special issues in collaboration with the Editor in Chief, BMUS office and journal publishers.
- Assess manuscripts to ensure that they are within the scope of the journal, meet basic quality standards and have written consent and/or ethical permission where required.
- Manage the process of review and revision by ensuring that manuscripts are subjected to impartial and blind review within the stipulated time frame. Assess the suitability of each version of the manuscript for publication and provide feedback to authors.
- Depending upon circumstances the deputy editor might have to manage the review of manuscripts dealing with subject matters outside the remit of their work or clinical practice.
- To ensure that selection of reviewers is undertaken within 2 weeks of delegation by the EiC and encourage reviewers to return their comments within a further 2 weeks or in exceptional circumstances within a maximum time period of 4 weeks of invitation to reviewers.

- Carry out final editorial checks and corrections on accepted manuscripts and ensure that all associated materials such as images and charts are in a form suitable for publication before submission to the publishers' production team.
- Assist in the selection of accepted articles for inclusion on the BMUS website as online e-learning resources. Request test questions and answers from authors and edit and upload these to the website for the purpose of continued professional development.
- To work closely with the Editor in Chief to develop the content and quality of *Ultrasound* to enhance the impact of the journal and value to BMUS members.

Communications

- Attends the annual meeting of the *Ultrasound* Editorial Board (normally held at the BMUS Annual Scientific Meeting in December).
- Attends the BMUS Publications Group, and other meetings as required, at the request of the Editor in Chief.
- Liaises with the publishers on production and non-production issues relating to the journal.

Term of office

Deputy Editors are appointed by the Editor in Chief following a call for expressions of interest circulated to all BMUS members. Deputy Editors are appointed for a period of 2 years, usually (but not always) commencing on the 1st of January but may be reappointed for a further period of 2 years subject to discretion of the BMUS Council and following mutual agreement.