Key Moments and Helpful Resources from the Scholarly Publishing Webinar Series, co-sponsored by Academic Medicine and MedEdPORTAL

Converting Your Teaching and Assessment into Scholarship Through MedEdPORTAL, February 23, 2023
A presentation by Kathy Kreutzer, MEd, and Modupeola O. Akinola, MD. Both are MedEdPORTAL associate editors and co-directors of the MedEdPORTAL Faculty Mentor Program.

Share valuable teaching tools while fulfilling scholarship expectations: Akinola indicated that MedEdPORTAL submissions are similar to research papers because they represent peer-reviewed, evidence-based innovations in teaching that advance our knowledge on a given topic. All MedEdPORTAL submissions, she noted, must have been implemented and evaluated by target learners with the aim of improving patient care. Discrete workshops, simulations, and curricula are often suitable, while activities like lectures, one-time symposia, and longitudinal courses are harder to package.

Understand the anatomy of a successful MedEdPORTAL submission: “Your work needs to be original. You have to have great appendices because these are really the tools that people are using to teach,” said Kreutzer, noting that appendices often include timed agendas, handouts, and evaluations. “We really want it to be something that can be replicated and that is generalizable.”

Take advantage of MedEdPORTAL’s author support system: “Sign up for one of our monthly author consultations. Faculty mentors are there to hear about your idea and answer your questions,” said Kreutzer. “We always say it is never too early: We’d rather you come and get your questions answered early so you know you’re on the right track.”
Additional Resources and Recommendations

- Where can I find more information about publishing in MedEdPORTAL?
  o The Author Center answers many common questions about publishing in the journal. Information on preparing a submission is also available.

- What is an ESR?
  o The Educational Summary Report (ESR) is a required part of all submissions to MedEdPORTAL. This scholarly document describes your educational activity and accompanies your submission. ESR templates are available on the MedEdPORTAL website.
  o Faculty Mentors recently published details on the ESR in an article on how to give a workshop on writing this key part of your submission.

- What is the Faculty Mentor Program?
  o Faculty Mentors serve as liaisons within their institutions, providing guidance to local faculty members interested in submitting their educational scholarship to MedEdPORTAL.

- Does MedEdPORTAL really offer office hours?
  o Faculty Mentors host a monthly open office hours/Q&A session where you can share your submission ideas and receive feedback. These are open to all.
  o Sign up for upcoming office hours.

These key moments and helpful resources are from a monthly webinar series hosted by the editorial teams of the AAMC’s 2 peer-reviewed journals, Academic Medicine and MedEdPORTAL. Sessions cover the importance of publishing your education scholarship and practical suggestions for how to do so successfully. All are invited to attend. Learn more about upcoming sessions.