

Call for Submissions
Journal of Pediatric Psychology
Special Issue on Innovations in Pediatric Psychology Assessment
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Letter of Intent Deadline: October 1, 2018

Manuscript Submission Deadline: April 1, 2019 (*for LOIs invited to move forward only*)

Background

Sound assessment provides the bedrock for nearly all scientifically-grounded psychological work. Regardless of the setting of the work – be it a private practice office, a children’s hospital, research lab, or other environment – the data from psychometrically sound instruments should guide nearly every decision of an evidence-based psychologist.

In 2008, the APA Division 54 (Society of Pediatric Psychology) assessment task force organization committee oversaw a series of papers on evidence-based assessment in pediatric psychology published in a special issue of the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology (JPP)*. The review papers provided structured evaluations of the most commonly used measures across a range of topic areas (e.g., pain, adherence, coping, cognitive functioning). This series was well-received, frequently cited, and provided a valuable resource to the professional community.

In recognizing the advances made in assessment in child behavioral health, especially around patient-reported outcomes, the goal of this special issue is to highlight theory and research applications in pediatric patient-reported and parent-proxy-reported outcomes.

For the purpose of this call, we are interested in patient-reported and parent-proxy-reported outcomes of pain, health care transition, adherence, coping, emotional and behavioral functioning, family functioning, peer relationships, cognitive processes, and quality of life. However, we will also consider manuscripts in patient-reported and parent-proxy-reported outcomes across other areas relevant to pediatric psychology. Specific foci of the special issue for *JPP* and instructions for submission appear below.

JPP Submission Details

The goals of the special issue are twofold. The first goal is to summarize and evaluate the state-of-the science including an overview of the most common patient-reported and parent-proxy-reported outcome measures in the topic area. Most of this overview information will be delineated via a structured table. Albeit abbreviated, this portion of the paper might share organization with the 2008 SPP series. The second goal will be to highlight key considerations of patient-reported and parent-proxy-reported outcome, novel or breakthrough approaches, and set an agenda for future directions in measurement in the domain. This section will vary across papers, but it might detail developmental, cultural, or disease specific considerations; as well as individual differences (e.g., gender or ethnic differences), logistical issues, value of measurement outcomes to clinical practice, special application challenges (e.g., in pediatric practice, in large scale consortia, continuity vs. age-based specificity across the lifespan, under-represented populations), gaps in the field, or other relevant aspects of patient-reported or parent-proxy-reported outcome in the topic area.

Submissions could take various forms, including systematic or narrative reviews of trends within the field, topical reviews highlighting controversies or novel areas, or commentaries. The

unifying feature across all submissions to this issue should be a focus on key and cutting-edge issues related to patient-reported and parent-proxy-reported outcomes in the topic area.

Submission Timeline: We ask that authors submit a Letter of Intent by **October 1st, 2018**. Letters of Intent (LOIs) should be emailed directly to Dr. Lindsey Cohen (llcohen@gsu.edu). Please ensure that the subject line in the email to Dr. Cohen reads *JPP Evidence-based Assessment Special Issue*.

The LOI should be no more than 1 page in length and should list tentative co-authors and summarize the main questions/purpose of the paper and the key topics to be discussed. Relevance to the special issue theme and scientific impact should also be discussed.

Papers with approved LOIs should be prepared in compliance with JPP's Instructions to Authors (<http://jpepsy.oxfordjournals.org/>) and submitted through the ScholarOne Manuscript Central™ submission portal (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jpepsy>). All submitted manuscripts will undergo peer review prior to a final decision on publication.

Papers that are not appropriate for inclusion in this special issue may be rerouted (with the authors' knowledge and consent) for consideration for publication in *JPP* as regular papers.

Final manuscripts will be due **April 1st, 2019**.

Contact Information: Please direct all inquiries and letters of intent to the lead guest editor, Dr. Lindsey Cohen (llcohen@gsu.edu).