

The Journal of Hand Surgery (JHS) Fact Sheet

Mission: *The Journal of Hand Surgery* (American) seeks to promote the advancement of hand and upper extremity surgery by maintaining the highest standards of editorial integrity and ethics. As the preeminent international journal promoting the science and art of surgery for the hand and upper extremity, JHS will publish original, noteworthy, and rigorously peer-reviewed articles on topics related to hand and upper extremity conditions and treatments while stimulating thoughtful discourse on unresolved issues and emerging trends impacting the field.

Aims and Scopes: JHS is the official journal of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) and publishes articles related to the diagnosis, treatment, and pathophysiology of diseases and conditions of the hand, wrist, and upper extremity. Features include original research articles, review articles, and monthly CME credit through exams connected to specific articles. The journal provides additional insights into the published papers through editor videos, podcasts of interviews with authors, visual abstracts, and a monthly online journal club. Authors have the option to publish their work as open access articles.

JHS publishes monthly issues, 12 issues per year. Exceptions to this in the past have included online-only supplements and issues, e.g. Annual Meeting abstracts and topical collections. Beginning in October 2024, each issue will showcase 8 Editor's Choice articles, 2-3 review articles, and 12 Scientific Articles (published abstract only).

Current Material Published

- Full-Length Scientific Articles
 - Editor's Choice
 - Scientific Articles (online exclusive)
- *Case Reports** (discontinued in January of 2021)
- Review Articles (invitation only or proposal approval required before submission)
 - Current Concepts
 - Review articles that focus on up-to-date information covering essential topics on a three-year rotation. Authors invited based on expertise.
 - Hand Surgery Landscape
 - Articles presenting content that otherwise might be outside the traditional scope of a typical review topic, designed to generate interest and comment among readers.
 - Surgical Technique
 - Online-only section that provides step-by-step details of various surgical procedures relevant to clinical practice.
- Letters to the Editor
- Multimedia components

- [Visual Abstracts](#)
- [Editor videos](#)
- [Podcasts](#)
- [#JHSJC](#): Monthly online journal club

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Abstracting and indexing: Scopus, Medline, PubMed Central, Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), SCImago Journal Rank (SJR), and SNIP

The 2023 **JHS Impact Factor** is **2.1**. JHS's current CiteScore is 3.2; the Eigenfactor Score is 0.00707.

The current [JHS editorial structure](#) consists of an Editor-in-Chief, Senior Editors, Associate Editors, Consultant Reviewers, and Society support staff. Senior Editors (Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Deputy Editor of Review, and Deputy Editor of Methodology) are recommended by the EiC and approved by ASSH Council. Associate Editor and Consultant Reviewer appointments and activities are overseen by the Deputy Editor-in-Chief.

Society staff promotes published articles on social media (X and Instagram). **@JHandSurg** has approximately 4.5K followers on X and 4.3K followers on Instagram. The **#JHSJC** takes place on Discord.

Companion journal: *The Journal of Hand Surgery Global Online* ([JHS GO](#)) is the open access companion journal to JHS. Articles not accepted to JHS can be transferred directly to JHS GO through Elsevier's article transfer service for expedited review by the JHS GO editorial team.