



Going International

SingHealth Medical Journal Partners a Publisher for Worldwide Reach

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Background

The quarterly cluster medical journal, Proceedings of Singapore Healthcare, has been published by SingHealth since 2010. Until 2015, it was produced almost entirely in-house (engaging vendors only for printing and distribution). It featured articles mainly from SingHealth authors, had few readers outside of Singapore, and almost no international presence.

Aim(s)



Help *Proceedings* to achieve recognition as an international-standard medical journal:

- Improve operations,
- Increase manuscript submissions, and
- Expand reach and reputation internationally

Solution

Forge a partnership with the international publisher, Sage, where it would:

- Be a one-stop publishing services provider, to increase operational efficiency,
- Publish the journal online (psh.sagepub.com) and market it, increasing its exposure among readers, authors and subject matter experts worldwide, and
- Provide insider advice on how to advance the journal, leveraging on its industry networks, experience and expertise

Results



100% on-time publication since 2015; issues are currently ready 1 year ahead of schedule



2x increase in number of manuscripts submitted; from ~60 in 2015 to 120 in 2017



46.5% of manuscripts originated from outside Singapore in 2017, up from <10% in 2015



>26,000 online visits to the journal website in 2017, with 18,000 (>70%) coming from overseas

In the last 3 years since partnering Sage, Proceedings has reaped improved operational efficiency, attracted a wider audience of authors and readers, as well as expanded its reach and reputation beyond Singapore. The journal has made significant progress in establishing itself as a medical journal of international standing.