

Vision

To position the **Annals of SLMC** as a sustainable, peer-reviewed biomedical journal that advances high-quality research, supports postgraduate medical education, enhances institutional academic standing, and attains national and international indexing.

Mission (HEC / PMDC / CPSP Aligned)

The **Annals of SLMC** is dedicated to strengthening academic medicine by serving as a structured, ethical, and peer-reviewed platform for biomedical and health sciences research. The journal seeks to:

- Promote original research that adheres to internationally accepted ethical standards, including institutional review board approval and responsible authorship practices
- Support faculty development and postgraduate training by encouraging scholarly writing, critical appraisal, and research dissemination
- Publish methodologically sound studies addressing local, regional, and global health priorities
- Maintain transparent editorial governance and robust peer-review processes aligned with international publishing standards
- Enhance institutional and national research visibility through progressive indexing in recognized academic databases

Through these commitments, the **Annals of SLMC** aims to contribute to evidence-based healthcare, academic capacity building, and the broader scientific community.

Aims and Scope of the Annals of SLMC

Aims

The **Annals of SLMC** aims to serve as a scholarly, peer-reviewed forum for the publication of high-quality biomedical and health sciences research that contributes to evidence-based practice, academic medicine, and public health improvement.

The journal seeks to:

- Promote ethically conducted, methodologically sound research relevant to clinical practice, medical education, and health systems
- Support faculty development and postgraduate research training by encouraging scholarly writing and critical inquiry
- Facilitate dissemination of research addressing local and regional health priorities while maintaining global scientific relevance

- Uphold transparency, editorial independence, and international standards of peer review and publication ethics
 - Progressively meet eligibility criteria for national and international indexing, including HEC and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)
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Scope

The **Annals of SLMC** publishes original and scholarly work across the following domains:

1. Clinical Medicine and Surgery

- Internal medicine and medical subspecialties
- General surgery and surgical subspecialties
- Obstetrics and gynecology
- Paediatrics and neonatology
- Emergency medicine and critical care
- Anesthesiology and perioperative medicine

2. Public Health and Health Systems

- Epidemiology and biostatistics
- Preventive and community medicine
- Health policy, health services research, and quality improvement
- Global health and health equity

3. Medical Education and Health Professions Education

- Undergraduate and postgraduate medical education
- Assessment methods, curriculum development, and faculty development
- Educational research relevant to health professions training

4. Biomedical and Allied Health Sciences

- Pathology, microbiology, hematology, and laboratory medicine
 - Pharmacology and therapeutics
 - Radiology and diagnostic imaging
 - Nursing, midwifery, and allied health sciences
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Article Types

The journal considers the following manuscript categories:

- Original research articles
 - Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
 - Narrative reviews (by invitation or editorial approval)
 - Short communications and brief reports
 - Clinical audits and quality improvement studies
 - Case reports and case series with clear educational value
 - Medical education research articles
 - Editorials and invited commentaries
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Ethical and Editorial Standards

All submissions must:

- Comply with internationally accepted research ethics, including institutional review board or ethics committee approval where applicable
- Adhere to authorship and publication ethics standards consistent with COPE guidelines
- Undergo double-blind peer review by independent reviewers
- Demonstrate originality, transparency, and methodological rigor

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