World Obesity Federation / Wiley International:

Editor-in-Chief, Pediatric *Obesity*

Pediatric Obesity is an online-only, peer-reviewed, monthly journal devoted to worldwide research into obesity during childhood and adolescence, a topic of intense interest in the scientific community and of increasing concern to health policymakers and the public in every country. Pediatric Obesity is the leading journal for high quality papers covering all areas of pediatric obesity. Additional to the monthly journal edition, Pediatric Obesity publishes commercial or non-commercial supplements (same style and layout) as regular issues of the journal. The journal is owned by the World Obesity Federation (WOF), a not-for-profit charitable body linking over 125 regional and national associations with over 10,000 professional members in scientific, medical and research organisations. WOF's collection of obesity journals contribute to the goal of advancing evidence-based obesity policy, prevention, management, and education, creating, translating, and sharing robust evidence.

Aims and Scope

Pediatric Obesity has established itself as the leading journal for high quality papers in the field, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Genetic, molecular, biochemical, and physiological aspects of obesity – basic, applied and clinical studies relating to mechanisms of the development of obesity from in-utero, infancy, childhood, adolescence and impact on health outcomes across the life course
- Metabolic consequences of child and adolescent obesity
- Epidemiological and population-based studies of child and adolescent overweight and obesity
- Measurement and diagnostic issues in assessing child and adolescent adiposity, physical activity, and nutrition
- Clinical management of children and adolescents with obesity including treatment and prevention
- Co-morbidities linked to child and adolescent obesity – mechanisms, assessment, and treatment
- Life-cycle factors e.g. familial, intrauterine, and developmental aspects of child and adolescent obesity
- Nutrition security and the "double burden" of obesity and malnutrition
- Health promotion and public health interventions and strategies to address obesity among children and adolescents

Readership

Pediatricians, obstetricians, endocrinologists, cardiologists, gastroenterologists, nutritionists, dieticians, rheumatologists, bariatric surgeons, metabolic surgeons, general surgeons, internists, hospitalists, general practitioners, physiologists, epidemiologists, psychologists, and nurses working with patients with obesity, public health professionals, funding bodies and policy makers with interests in obesity

Job Description – Editor-in-Chief, Pediatric Obesity

The Editor-in-Chief (EIC) will oversee all editorial aspects of the journal's management, including the commissioning of article, and managing the peer review process using the Wliey ReX digital platform. The EIC will ensure that all submissions meet ethical standards and are subject to rigorous and impartial peer review prior to publication.

The EIC will have a unique opportunity to further expand the reach and impact of the obesity journal. Preference will be offered to a candidate who has wide expertise or interest in pediatric obesity and its related complications, has a track record of reviewing academic papers, and can demonstrate enthusiasm for expanding the journal's reach and influence.

The EIC will receive a modest honorarium on an annual basis.

Responsibilities

Approximately 450-500 manuscripts are submitted each year. The current Editor-in-Chief devotes approximately 6 hours work per month to the role on average.

1. Editorial Board:
    a. Appoint members and monitor their contributions, allowing for regional, gender diversity as well as ensuring representation and input from across a wide spectrum of expertise needed, e.g., Clinical, Behavioural and Basic Sciences, Public Health.
2. Monthly publication:
    a. Organise the content of each monthly publication and submit it to Wiley
    b. List the 'front cover' abbreviated heading for each selected manuscript
    c. Identify the "Editor's choice" manuscript for open access for 1 month.
    d. Review and approve the draft front covers and monthly editions before they are placed online.
3. Submitted manuscripts.
    a. Review all submitted manuscripts (new and revisions) in "ScholarOne" for suitability (topic, language quality, format and iThenticate score) and assign to an Associate Editor (AE) if manuscript is acceptable for further review, recommend transfer to other WOF journal or reject. If there are issues that need addressing before assigning to an Associate Editor (AE) correspond with authors (via assigning paper to needing major or minor review), otherwise assign to an AE if manuscript is acceptable for further review.
    b. For some papers, the EIC may also fulfil the role of AE. In these instances, additional responsibilities include:
        i. Select and invite potential reviewers and ensure that they are taking timely action to invite reviewers and oversee the review process.
        ii. Ask more potential reviewers if insufficient acceptances from first list.
        iii. Follow up on overdue reviews by email to reviewers
4. Initial decision. Make initial decisions after review of the comments from reviewers/. Check submission formats are correct for all manuscripts that are not rejected. Inform corresponding authors.
5. Final decisions. If accepting a manuscript finally there is the opportunity to tag a box if you think it worthy of media publicity.
6. Publications Committee. EIC is member of the WOF Publications Committee which meets by Zoom quarterly and face-to-face biannually (at the International Congress on Obesity)
7. Selection and Management of Supplements (3-5/year): This is an EIC decision. Considerations: suitability of topic, expertise of proposed guest editors, potential impact on Impact Factor of journal. Manage the peer review of all manuscripts in Supplements by agreed arrangement with Guest Editors. Make final decisions on each manuscript. Review all manuscript proofs.
8. Respond to all correspondence to the EIC
9. Work with Wiley management on promotion of the journal
10. Work with other World Obesity journal editors to develop virtual supplements on specific topics and other projects.
11. Invite review manuscripts or specific individuals to submit a review.

Application

To apply please submit a CV and cover letter to enquiries@worldobesity.org setting out your motivation for applying and summarising your key relevant skills and experience (maximum 800 words) no later than 12 noon (GMT) 20 November 2026. (Applications after this deadline will not be considered.)

The successful candidate will begin shadowing the current Editor-in-Chief in January 2027, with the role to officially commencing in January 2027.