



Welcome to the Journal of Novel Physiotherapies: An Open Access Category from the OMICS Publishing Group

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of Journal of Novel Physiotherapies (JNP), an international, peer-reviewed journal publishing original research articles that will foster an understanding of the general concept of novel physiotherapy. JNP was founded on two key principles: 1) to publish new and exciting research related to Novel Physiotherapies, and 2) to provide the research in a format that was designed to expedite the process from review to publication and to disseminate the information, for free, to the international community through Open Access.

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comfort of my home. Though the process is easier, finding full-text articles is not always successful.

The concept of Open Access, which allows for easy, timely, and free access to peer-reviewed research studies that provide the vital evidence necessary for quality, evidence-based practice and is required and expected of us by our patients, institutions, and third-party payers, seems timely and obvious. As academics and researchers, we are responsible to add to the body of knowledge of our profession, yet that knowledge has been somewhat restricted and/or costly to most of our colleagues. Every physical therapist including academics, researchers, students, and clinicians should have easy, inexpensive access to the most current evidence available to integrate into academic courses, research projects, and practice, especially if said evidence is produced by members of their own profession.

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