Frequently Asked Questions on eGEMs Transition

What is happening to eGEMs?
In June, eGEMs is transitioning from a free-standing journal published by AcademyHealth to a special section within journal Healthcare: The Journal of Delivery Science and Innovation, published by Elsevier. This transition reflects changes in the research and publishing landscape, which lacked an obvious publishing home for electronic data methods work when eGEMs was launched. Over the last decade, data methods have become more integrated throughout the health services and policy research field with mainstream academic publishers exhibiting a growing interest in this work. The new Healthcare section, Insights in Analyzing Health Data, has similar submission criteria to that of eGEMs and is led by former eGEMs editors, but now with the support of a large academic publisher. AcademyHealth members will continue to receive a 30% discount on article processing charges for open access articles and a 70% discount on personal subscription rates.

What will happen to already published work in eGEMs?
All eGEMs papers will maintain their original DOIs and continue to be freely available via PMC. Papers will also be archived on CLOCKSS, a collaboration of the world’s leading academic publishers and research libraries that provides a sustainable dark archive to ensure the long-term survival of Web-based scholarly content.

What is Healthcare?
Healthcare is a quarterly journal co-edited by Sachin Jain and Amol Navathe and published by Elsevier that promotes cutting edge research on innovation in healthcare delivery, including improvements in systems, processes, management, and applied information technology. Since its launch in 2012, Healthcare’s more than 300 articles have been downloaded more than 78,000 times and are frequently cited in other top-tier journals including JAMA, NEJM, and Health Affairs. The journal is indexed in Scopus, Clinical Key, MEDLINE, and PubMed. Healthcare is supported by an editorial board chaired by Dr. Ashish Jha, which includes 28 leaders in the field representing expertise in health care delivery innovation, including quality improvement, applied health information technology, care redesign, and payment reform. Healthcare’s large and diverse readership includes policymakers, academic researchers, practicing physicians, and healthcare administrators.

Why is this transition happening?
While eGEMs was created to publish work that didn’t have another publishing home, the publishing landscape, and the field itself, have come a long way since 2013. Healthcare, a journal backed by a large publisher and anticipating their first impact factor this summer, reflects a better integration of data methods in the field. It’s a testament to the dedication and sustained passion of the eGEMs community that this work now has a place among mainstream publishers.

When will the transition happen?
eGEMs is no longer open to new submissions and we anticipate the final papers publishing by the end of June 2019. The eGEMs site will remain as is until it is archived in the fall of 2019. The new section in Healthcare is already open and accepting submissions here.

Who can I contact with more questions?
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