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ABSTRACT

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Recently, Dr. Jenine Harris and her colleagues examined the use of journals by state chronic
disease prevention staff to stay up-to-date on public health evidence. As might be expected,
the top three journals consulted were the *American Journal of Public Health*, the *Morbidity and
Mortality Weekly Report*, and *Preventing Chronic Disease*.\(^1\) Two of these top three were online open-
access journals. We, at *Frontiers in PHSSR*, are pleased to be included among the journals listed in the
survey. While we didn’t rank in the top three, our inclusion on the list speaks well to our efforts to
speed the timely and relevant information about PHSSR to our readers—practitioners,
policymakers, and other researchers. Online open-access journals are shifting the paradigm of
scientific publication, allowing free and rapid exchange of information.

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Journal of Public Health* (*AJPH*). We are pleased that *AJPH* has agreed to publish selected abstracts
from *Frontiers in PHSSR* in their regular issue with links to the full articles available in our online
journal. As mentioned in the article cited above, *AJPH* is the lead journal read by chronic disease
practitioners. Inclusion in *AJPH* will provide additional visibility for *Frontiers in PHSSR* and make
our publication even more attractive to the field of public health professionals. The collaboration
between *AJPH* and *Frontiers in PHSSR* is a classic example of win–win scientific journalism. We
want to express our thanks and appreciation to the editorial leadership of *AJPH* for this opportunity
and the visibility it provides for our journal. This follows efforts on our part to also link to the
*Annual Review of Public Health*, another successful illustration of synergy in our publication strategy.
We are also pleased that a top Institute for Scientific Information (ISI)–ranked journal sought us out
to establish this relationship.

The staff of *Frontiers in PHSSR* has substantial experience in scientific publication and is dedicated to
the success of the journal. They continually support the efforts to promote *Frontiers in PHSSR* to the
forefront of public health information and to increase its utility to the communities that it serves.
Readers, authors, friends, and fellow followers should know that we remain committed to assuring
that *Frontiers in PHSSR* becomes a go to journal for the field of PHSSR. As we strive to produce a
first-rate journal, we remain open to suggestions and ideas from all our constituents. We look
forward to hearing from you.

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