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JAMDA Ranks 7th Most Cited Journal in Geriatrics for 2009

Columbia, MD –The 2009 Science Citation Index (SCI) Impact Factor (IF), which measures the average citations to articles published in scientific and social science journals, was released last week and ranked the *Journal of the American Medical Directors Association (JAMDA)* 7th in a field of 36 journals in the Geriatrics & Gerontology category. *JAMDA* received an IF of 3.789. The journal is up from a 10th place ranking in 2008 and an IF of 3.467.

The official journal of the American Medical Directors Association, *JAMDA* was established in 2000. It publishes peer-reviewed articles including original studies, reviews, clinical experience articles, case reports, and other items. It is indexed by Excerpta Medica, MEDLINE®, EMBASE, Current Contents/Clinical Medicine, and the Cumulative Index for Nursing and Allied Health Literature. John Morley, MD, has been Editor-in-Chief since 2007; prior to that, Dan Osterweil, MD, CMD, served in that role.

“*JAMDA* is the highest impact clinical geriatrics journal in the world; those ranking ahead of it are all basic science publications. As the editor, I’m excited that nursing home medicine is becoming so recognized as important; and I’m grateful to the *JAMDA* editorial board for helping us to achieve this milestone,” says Dr. Morley. He adds, “While I’m very pleased about our IF status, I am not surprised. We are getting an extraordinarily high quality of articles submitted.” He stresses that the journal will continue with one key to its success: “*JAMDA* is extremely readable for AMDA members and others who see patients in nursing facilities day to day. It will remain a very useful and exciting journal for these practitioners.”

Eugene Garfield, the founder of the Institute for Scientific Information, is credited with devising the IF. These factors are calculated annually for journals indexed in Thomson Reuter’s Journal Citation Reports. The IF of a journal is the average number of citations to those papers that were published during the two preceding years.

“This is a significant honor for such a young journal. Dr. Morley and his board deserve the highest recognition for making this a consistently cutting-edge journal that is popular with academicians and practitioners alike,” says AMDA Executive Director Lorraine Tarnove.

The 10 most-cited journals in the field of Geriatrics & Gerontology for 2009 (in order from high ranked) are: *Aging Cell*, *Neurobiological Aging*, *Age*, *Ageing Research Review*, *Mechanisms of Ageing and Development*, *Rejuvenation Research*, ***Journal of the American Medical Directors Association***, *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*, and *Experimental Gerontology*.

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The American Medical Directors Association (AMDA) is the national professional association of medical directors, attending physicians, and other professionals practicing long term care medicine committed to the continuous improvement of patient care. The organization provides education, advocacy, information, and professional development for medical directors and other practitioners from various disciplines working together to deliver quality long term care.

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