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First, let me say welcome all to our first volume of the International Journal of Student Scholarship in Physical Therapy. How exciting!

Why start this journal? The intention in launching this journal is not to compete with existing scientific journals, but rather to fill what we saw as a specific need. That is, there are considerable challenges facing professional students and residents as they become involved as authors and reviewers. For example, many journals require that you have experience as an author before participating as a reviewer.

Therefore, our objective is to provide a venue through which professional students and residents might gain experience in scholarly mechanisms of dissemination of evidence ensure ongoing contributions to the scientific basis for physical therapists' practice:

- As the clinical investigator developing hypotheses and implementing early studies.
- As an author analyzing findings, and writing up the results
- As a disseminator of information regarding what the primary findings were and how these might be used (or not) in our practice
- And as a reviewer providing constructive criticism to improve and clarify the message

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