

## Red Journal Editor Conflict of Interest Policy

It is inevitable that editors and their respective institutions will submit manuscripts to the journal. This policy outlines what should happen in those instances.

***Situation: Paper is submitted where the Editor-in-Chief (EIC) is an author.***

Action: Staff assigns the paper to Katherine Bennett, Managing Editor. She will assign to the most appropriate senior editor. The EIC will not see the decision until it is final.

***Situation: Paper is submitted by EIC's institution, Massachusetts General Hospital.***

Action: Staff assigns paper directly to Katherine Bennett, Managing Editor, who will assign to the most appropriate senior editor. The EIC will not see the decision until it is final.

***Situation: Paper is submitted on the topic of proton therapy and prostate cancer.***

Action: Staff assigns the paper to Katherine Bennett, Managing Editor. She will assign to the most appropriate senior editor. The EIC will not see the decision until it is final.

***Situation: Paper is submitted wherein a senior editor/member of senior editor's institution is an author.***

Action: EIC assigns paper to another senior editor, assigns directly to an associate editor, or assigns the reviewers personally.

***Situation: Paper is submitted by an associate editor/member of associate editor's institution is an author.***

Action: Senior editor assigns paper to another associate editor in the group or assigns reviewers personally.

***Situation: Editor is assigned a paper where he or she believes he or she has a conflict.***

Action: The editor is to "decline" the assignment stating the editor believes he or she has a conflict. This will roll the paper back to the assigning editor who will pick another editor.