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***JOURNAL of the IOWA PHARMACY ASSOCIATION***  
**TO IMPLEMENT A PEER REVIEW PROCESS**

The Iowa Pharmacy Association (IPA) is pleased to announce *The Journal of the Iowa Pharmacy Association* will become a peer-reviewed journal by the end of 2008. IPA members have volunteered to serve as peer-reviewers and share their expertise by reviewing and editing journal articles. Additionally, IPA members will be able to submit articles and studies for peer-reviewed publication.

“Our goal is to make *The Journal of the Iowa Pharmacy Association* a reliable source of information for our members, and by implementing a peer review process we are strengthening that commitment,” said Kate Puetz, Pharm.D., Vice President of Professional Affairs at the Iowa Pharmacy Association.

IPA Board of Trustee member, Geoff Wall, PharmD, has been an integral part of this initiative. Wall first presented the idea to the Board of Trustees in 2007. Wall states, “Iowa has long been at the leading edge of pharmacy practice. What better way to demonstrate the innovative, patient-focused activities pharmacists in this state practice every day than by publication of those activities in a peer-reviewed journal? The peer-review process will increase the accuracy of articles in the Journal and will add a level of validation to readers in Iowa and throughout the country. It opens a new venue for readers of the Journal to exchange information in an effective manner.”

More than fifty (50) IPA members have already signed-up to be peer-reviewers. More information about this initiative, including the link to sign-up to become a peer-reviewer, can be found online at [www.iarx.org](http://www.iarx.org).

*The Iowa Pharmacy Association is the state professional society of pharmacists, united for the purpose of advancing public health, particularly the pharmaceutical care of all Iowans.*

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