History

“The ASEAN J Rehabil Med” was formerly named “the J Thai Rehabil Med” (in Thai, เวชศาสตร์ฟื้นฟูสาร) which was firstly established in 1991 to publish research studies done by members of the Thai Rehabilitation Medicine Association and of the Royal College of Physiatrists of Thailand. Later it also accepted manuscripts from other rehabilitation professionals such as physical therapists, occupational therapists etc. For publication quality, it has been in tier 1 of the Thai Citation Index (TCI) and also in the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Citation Index (ACI).

To move forward for international standards, we recently invited physiatrists (rehabilitation physicians) from ASEAN to join the editorial board and started accepting English manuscripts from ASEAN and other countries so that the new knowledge from research in the field of rehabilitation medicine would be learned and applied in this region.

In 2019, the boards of the Thai Rehabilitation Medicine Association and of the Royal College of Physiatrists of Thailand agreed to change the title of the journal to “the ASEAN Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine”.

Focus and scope

To promote improvement of science and education in the field of rehabilitation medicine as well as medical rehabilitation service, system and policy in ASEAN countries, the ASEAN J Rehabil Med publishes original articles, case reports, review articles, and special articles related to rehabilitation medicine including education, services, system, policy, and innovation which would benefit not only rehabilitation professionals but also their patients/consumers especially persons with disability.

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