

Medical Publication and Current Issues in Cambodia: *Country report and Situation 2014*

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Medical Publication in Cambodia - History -

- **1997 (until 2001):** 1st issue of La Revue des Praticiens, most articles in French and few in Khmer, published by the University of Health Sciences, French Cooperation and Francophonie (Associations of the Countries speaking French),
- **1999 until Present:** 1st issue of Health Messenger in Khmer and English, published by AMI (Aide Medicale Internationale – French NGO supported by EU funding), and published by local NGO PSP (Ponleu Sokhapseap) from 2003 until present (2013),
- **4th Quarterly 2005:** 1st Issue of Health Magazine “Sokhapseap Yeung”, published in Khmer by private company for the public, community and health professionals,
- **3rd Quarterly 2011:** distribution of 1st issue Journal of University of Health Sciences (public university) for their students (current and former students), instead of La Revue des Praticiens, written in French, English and Khmer (2013, there are no new published issue),
- **3rd Quarterly 2011:** distribution of 1st issue Journal of IU University (private university) for their medical students, in English and Khmer
- **June 2012:** launching of the Cambodian Journal of Medicine – CJM for medical doctors. 1st issue will be published at 4th Quarterly 2013.
- **3rd Q 2012:** New look - Cambodian Journal of Nursing and Midwifery (CJNM) Volume 14 Number 1 (former Health Messenger - HM 51) was published as peer-reviewed scientific journal and indexed on the WPRIM database and APAMED Central,
- **1st Q 2013:** CJNM Vol.15 N.1 as peer-reviewed scientific journal - published



Medical Publication in Cambodia: CJNM/HM history and improvement

- **1999 (until 2003):** 1st issue of Health Messenger (HM), or newly named “Cambodian Journal of Nursing and Midwifery (CJNM)”, in bilinguals Khmer and English, published by AMI (Aide Medicale Internationale – French NGO supported by EU funding),
- **2004 – present:** PSP continues to publish HM, supported by USAID/URC, AusAID, WHO, UNICEF, PSI and other funding partners,
- **June 2012:** Jubilee Anniversary of HM/CJNM Issue 50th
- **From 3rd Quarterly 2012:** HM change his name as the Cambodian Journal of Nursing and Midwifery – CJNM from issues 50-51 as a peer-reviewed scientific journal for Nurses and Midwives,
- **August 2011 – June 2012:** Revision and improvement of CJNM/HM, based on the criteria of the WPRIM journals,
- **August 2012:** Submission of CJNM to the Regional Journal Selection Committee (RJSC) and APPROVED as “WPRIM Journal” during APAME-WPRIM joint meeting on 31st August 2012,
- **1st Quarterly 2013:** published CJNM peer-reviewed journal Vol. 15 Number 1
- **4th Quarterly 2013:** PSP want to publish CJNM online on www.CJNM.org



History of Health Messenger / CJNM

June 1999 – June 2012

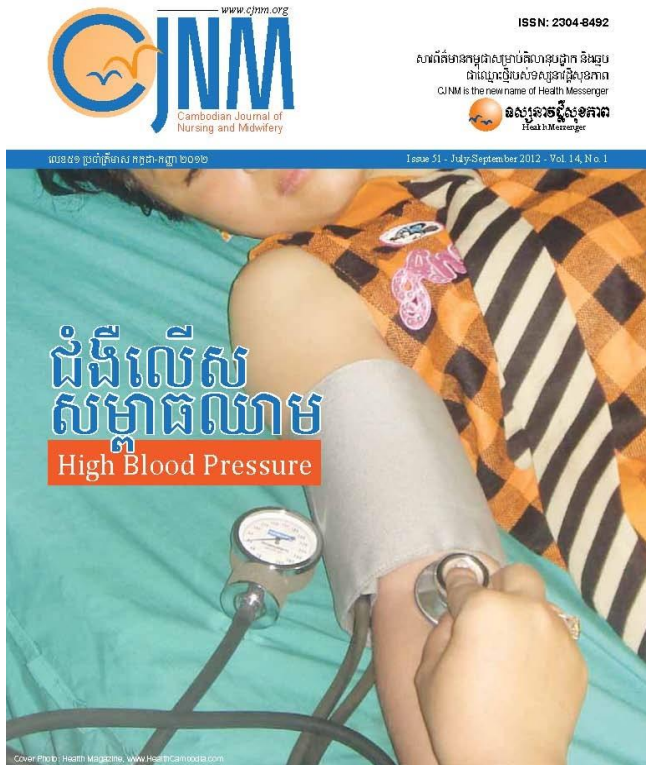
- Publication: Quarterly (4 issues a year),
- One issue = one theme,
- Bilingual Khmer/English,
- Open media: Editorial Committee or/and guest writers (from MOH, UN, co-operating agencies and NGOs working in Cambodia) share their experience, knowledge and expertise,
- Written and published in Cambodia: adapted to the Cambodian context, culture and to the specific training needs of the target readers,
- Each issue is published in co-operation with the relevant national program/department of MOH, reference to the MoU between PSP and MoH.
- Attractive (many illustrations), easy to read and practical,
- Distribution: HM has to reach all readers in nationwide with a number of 30,000 copies.



CJNM peer-reviewed scientific journal (since June 2012)

- **Frequency** : Quarterly (4 issues per year),
- **ISSN**: 2304-8492
- **Subject category**: Multi topics/themes of Nursing, midwifery and health care professionals,
- **Languages**: Bilingual Khmer/English,
- **Published by**: PSP (www.psp.org.kh)
- **Journal website**: www.cjnm.org (under construction)
- **Abstracted and Indexed in**: WPRIM database (www.wprim.org) and APAMED Central Database (www.apamedcentral.org)
- **Call for Articles**: CJNM welcome all manuscripts/articles from independent authors,
- **Submission**: Author submit their manuscripts/articles to the editorial staff by email and attachment for blind-peer review process,
- **Review process**: as blind-peer review process. At least 2 reviewers: Editors, Editorial Board or/and Independent peer reviewer,
- **Distribution**: CJNM continues to reach all readers in nationwide with a number of 24,000 copies.
- **Fundraising**: supported by international donors

CJNM Covers



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Cambodian Journal of Medicine – CJM : Launching and Planning

- **CJM Launching:** PSP planed to launch a new “**CJM**” publication as a new peer-reviewed scientific journal for “medical doctors and medical assistants” working in Cambodia,
- **1st Quarterly 2012:** Target Survey of Health professionals in Cambodia on publication of the medical journals (HM, CJNM and CJM) before CJNM (changed name) and CJM (launching event),
- **June 2012:** launching of a new pilot project of the Cambodian Journal of Medicine – CJM (Launching during Jubilee Anniversary of HM/CJNM 50th Issue),
- **4th Quarterly 2013 :** 1st Issue of CJM planed to be published for the target audience, Cambodian medical doctors.
- **1st Quarterly 2014:** PSP planed to publish CJM online on the website of www.CJMjournal.org
- **4th Quarterly 2014:** Project evaluation/assessment on the CJM project as print publication and online publication
- **Fundraising for this publication:** in question ??



1st National Medical Writing Skill Workshop in Cambodia

- **Workshop objective:** For better understanding the role of the Medical Writer/Author and their commitment to the submission of their manuscripts to the peer reviewed journals in supporting the health services in Cambodia,
- **Organizer and supporters:** this workshop is organized by PSP in collaboration with and endorsement by Ministry of Health and APAME.
- **Speakers:** 3 speakers from APAME: Professor Dr. Wilfred CG Peh (Singapore), Professor Dr. Jose Florencio Fabella Lapeña (Philippine), and Dr. LY Cheng Huy (Cambodia),
- **Participants:** 40 was attended: 1 professor; 26 medical doctors; 10 other health professional and 3 health workers,
- **Conclusion:** This workshop is a key to improve and to launch the publication of both local peer-reviewed medical journal in Cambodia: CJNM and CJM
- **Perspectives:** follow up workshop and 2nd workshop was interested and proposed by both attendees (participants and speakers).

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Medical journal publishing management in Cambodia

- **Journal Management:** CJNM is a unique medical journal published in Cambodia since 1999: managed and supported by NGO and International community in collaboration with MoH (national programs).
- **Editors and Publishers:** Local NGO and International agency continues to publish in collaboration with MOH and key partners.
- **Content providers/authors:** collected, submitted and reviewed by partners till 2012. Those articles before publishing should be submitted to Ministry of health for review and endorsement. BUT currently our journal is Peer-reviewed journal, so articles should be submitted by authors, reviewed by peer reviewers, and published by PSP (NGO).
- **Distribution:** nationwide dissemination of unique Medical journal to all levels of health professionals (physicians/doctors, nurses, midwives, lab technicians etc.),
- **Key collaborators/stakeholders:** APAME, local/international NGOs, Cambodian Nursing Council, Cambodian Midwifery Council, Medical Council of Cambodia, and other medical associations/committees, etc.
- **Funds and Financial support:** almost supported by international donors (WHO, EU, USAIDS, AUSAID...).



Challenges & Perspectives

- **Journal Management:** editorial team should be independent, and supported by independent Editorial Board.
- **Articles submission:** medical writing skill ?
- **Review system:** blind-peer review process is the best for developing country like Cambodia. At least 2 reviewers including independent peer reviewer,
- **Quality and Conduct of publication (Ethics/Editorial policy):** key success to get more authors and readers.
- **Distribution and readership:** both choice: paper and online, interested by readers.
- **M & E:** assess and improve the publication.
- **Scientific research:** impact of journal publishing (articles submission and readership)
- **New Medical Publication :** for specialist health professionals and skilled medical sciences in Cambodia
- **Medical Writing and Manuscripts Review :** new training required,
- **Funding support:** financial support and sustainability from donors, government, authors or readers?



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