



# Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute's **Fundamentals of Navigating the Peer Review Process by Vision Journal Editors**

**Saturday, July 26, 2025**

Virtual Course: Livestream via Zoom



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# Fundamentals of Navigating the Peer Review Process by Vision Journal Editors

## DESCRIPTION

Peer review is a critical component to the process of reporting research. This component includes reviewing manuscripts as well as overseeing the peer review process by editors and editorial board members. While these processes are important skills and services to the scientific community, navigating the art of peer review and editor tasks can be a daunting process, considering the scarcity of formal, training opportunities within the realm of vision research. Understanding these processes can be important to authors, reviewers, editorial board members, and editors. This course aims to bridge this crucial gap, guided by the expertise of Editors in Chief from prestigious vision science journals (American Journal of Ophthalmology, Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science, JAMA Ophthalmology, Ophthalmology, Ophthalmology Science, Optometry and Vision Science, and Translational Vision Science & Technology). Through a blend of didactic instruction and engaging roundtable discussions, this course will unveil the nuances of effective peer review and the peer review process in ophthalmology and vision science.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This activity is intended for ophthalmologists, optometrists, and ophthalmic allied health professionals.

## OBJECTIVES

After attending this activity, the learner will demonstrate the ability to:

- Describe the key steps and stakeholders involved in the journal peer-review process.
- Identify effective methods for critically evaluating and reviewing a scientific manuscript.
- Compose a constructive peer review that provides valuable feedback to both authors and journal editors.

## ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.



## CREDIT DESIGNATION STATEMENT

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 3.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## POLICY ON PRESENTER AND PROVIDER DISCLOSURE

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## MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

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## OTHER CREDITS

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The Johns Hopkins University has approved this activity for **3.75 contact hours** for non-physicians.





## REGISTRATION

Zoom Learners: Saturday, July 26, 2025 \* 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. ET

## LOCATION

Virtual via Zoom: Sign in by 7:50am

## FEES

Register Online:

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**Methods of Payment:** Learners must register and submit full payment prior to the start of the activity. On-site payments can only be accepted if made by learners via credit card through the online portal by 5:00 p.m. ET on the first day of the activity. The registration fee includes instructional materials and access to recorded lecture for 1- year.

**Registration Fee – For CME Credit-** \$125

**Registration Fee – No Credit-** \$50

You will receive a confirmation by e-mail. If you have not received it by July 21, 2025, call (410) 502-9636 to confirm that you are registered. A transcript of attendance will be available upon attestation of your credit hours and submission of the post activity online evaluation.

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## SYLLABUS AND LOG IN INFORMATION

The syllabus and Zoom Webinar link will be accessible online and via your mobile device in the CloudCME App one week prior to the activity start date. To access, please visit our website.

**CME Website:**

<https://hopkinscme.cloud-cme.com>

(Sign In, Click My CME tab, Click Syllabus)

## HOW TO OBTAIN CREDIT

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## SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

All times are EST

7:00 - 8:00 Registration and Opportunity to Visit Virtual Exhibit Halls

### General Session

- 8:00 - 8:05 **Welcome**  
Neil Bressler, MD on behalf of the Council of Vision Editors
- 8:05 - 8:10 **Conference Goals**  
Matilda Chan, MD, PhD
- 8:10 - 8:25 **Overview of the Peer Review Process: Reporting Research**  
Michael Chiang, MD
- 8:25 - 8:40 **Role of Journal Editors and Editorial Boards in Peer Review**  
Neil Bressler, MD
- 8:40 - 8:50 **Questions, Answers & Discussion**  
Michael Chiang, MD and Neil Bressler, MD
- 8:50 - 9:10 **Panel: Managing Sensitive Situations with Authors**  
*Moderator:* Neil Bressler, MD  
*Panel:* Editors and Editorial Board Members
- 9:10 - 9:25 **Role of Peer Reviewers in the Peer Review Process**  
Emily Chew, MD
- 9:25 - 9:40 **Assigning Reviewers; Accepting or Declining Reviews**  
Joseph Carroll, PhD
- 9:40 - 9:50 **Questions, Answers & Discussion**  
Emily Chew, MD and Joseph Carroll, PhD
- 9:50 - 10:00 **Break and Opportunity to Visit Virtual Exhibit Halls**
- 10:00 - 10:15 **Guidelines When Reviewing a Manuscript**  
Roy Chuck, MD, PhD
- 10:15 - 10:30 **Guidelines When Reviewing Reviewers' Comments**  
Michael Twa, OD, PhD
- 10:15 - 10:30 **Questions, Answers & Discussion**  
Michael Twa, OD, PhD and Roy Chuck, MD, PhD
- 10:30 - 10:45 **Ethical Challenges in the Peer Review Process**  
Russ Van Gelder, MD, PhD
- 10:45 - 11:00 **Challenges for International Authors and Reviewers**  
Tien Wong, MD, PhD
- 11:00 - 11:15 **Appeals of Editors' Decisions; Letters to the Editor**  
Richard Parrish, MD
- 11:15 - 11:50 **Questions, Answers & Discussion**  
Moderators: Richard Parris and Matilda Chan, MD, PhD
- 11:50 - 12:00 **Closing Remarks, CME Credit and Access to Talks**  
Neil Bressler, MD
- 12:00 Adjourn

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## ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

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### Michael Chiang, MD

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### Emily Chew, MD

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