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Over the past two decades, advances in pain research and theory have supported the utility a biopsychosocial perspective on pain. Informed by this perspective, behavioral medicine researchers have developed and refined a number of novel approaches for assessing and treating persistent pain conditions. Studies focusing on the translation of these research-based approaches into clinical practice and health policy are clearly needed. Pain is among the leading reasons that patients see health care professionals; Integrating high quality assessment and treatment approaches into clinical practice not only could relieve pain and suffering, but also reduce the costs of pain-related care. This call for papers solicits high quality contributions relating to the implementation and/or dissemination of pain assessment and treatment protocols in clinical, community, and other real world settings, both nationally and internationally. Papers addressing effectiveness, cost, scalability, implementation planning, training, sustainability, intervention fidelity, intervention moderators, adherence, and dissemination strategies are strongly encouraged. Selected manuscripts will be published together with invited commentaries in this special section of Translational Behavioral Medicine. In addition to empirical papers, commentaries on the role of pain assessment and treatment approaches in health care reform, case studies characterizing real world translation or implemental challenges, and synopses of practical tools and strategies are of particular interest.

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Original Research-8000 words
We publish original empirical articles, such as reports of randomized controlled trials, observational studies, or other basic and clinical investigations. Manuscripts should clearly state an objective or hypothesis, the research methods (including statistical methods), the essential features of any interventions, the outcome measures, and the results of the investigation. Original empirical studies on the effectiveness or implementation of interventions are especially welcomed. Manuscripts should also explicitly state the impact of the findings for researchers, practitioners, and policymakers. Original research papers should be no more than 25 double-spaced pages, including figures and tables.

Systematic Reviews-8000 words
We consider systematic reviews that rigorously plot study evidence as objectively as possible, assess the quality of the evidence and synthesize it. Specifically, we publish reviews that fit the definition of the Cochrane Handbook as “A review of a clearly formulated question that uses systematic and explicit methods to identify, select and critically appraise relevant research, and to collect and analyze data from the studies that are included in the review. Statistical methods (meta-analysis) may or may not be used to analyze and summarize the results of the included studies.” Systematic reviews addressing the effectiveness of interventions and policies are especially welcomed. Reviews should be no more than 25 double-spaced pages including figures and tables.

Topical Reviews-3,000 to 5,000 words
We seek reviews that highlight or update important areas of behavioral medicine research. Topical reviews addressing novel interventions or novel assessment approaches are especially welcomed. Topical reviews addressing the effectiveness of interventions and policies are especially welcomed. Reviews should be no more than 20 double-spaced pages including figures and tables.

Case Studies-3000-5,000 words
We also seek case studies of individuals and communities that highlight issues in the application of behavioral medicine in a real-world context. The case may highlight practice and policy questions in need of research. Alternatively, it may describe innovative ways in which evidence-based practices have been implemented in under-resourced settings.

Synopses and Guidelines-2000 words
We publish synopses of selected systematic reviews and guidelines that appeared elsewhere but that cover topics with high practice or policy relevance to translational behavioral medicine. Key elements include the scope of the review or guidelines, interventions and practices considered, rating schemes and strength of the evidence, major recommendations, and the areas of agreement and disagreement.

Practice Tools-3000 words
We occasionally publish short pieces that describe new practice tools released elsewhere.

Practice and Public Health Policies -3000 words
These articles cover new events and trends in policies that affect behavioral medicine practitioners or the public. We specifically look for pieces about health care and insurance reform and reimbursement policies that are of interest to clinicians. We also seek articles about new or forthcoming legislation that affects the built environment and taxes or subsidies related to health behaviors. Articles that promote a translational dialogue between clinicians, policymakers and researchers are especially welcome.

Essays/Opinion Pieces-1,500 words
We will consider short opinion pieces on practice policy or research, of 1,500 words or less, that deliver an informed view of a current trend in the field of translational behavioral medicine. These pieces must put forth a cogent argument that furthers dialogue on a topic that will be of wide interest to the behavioral medicine community.