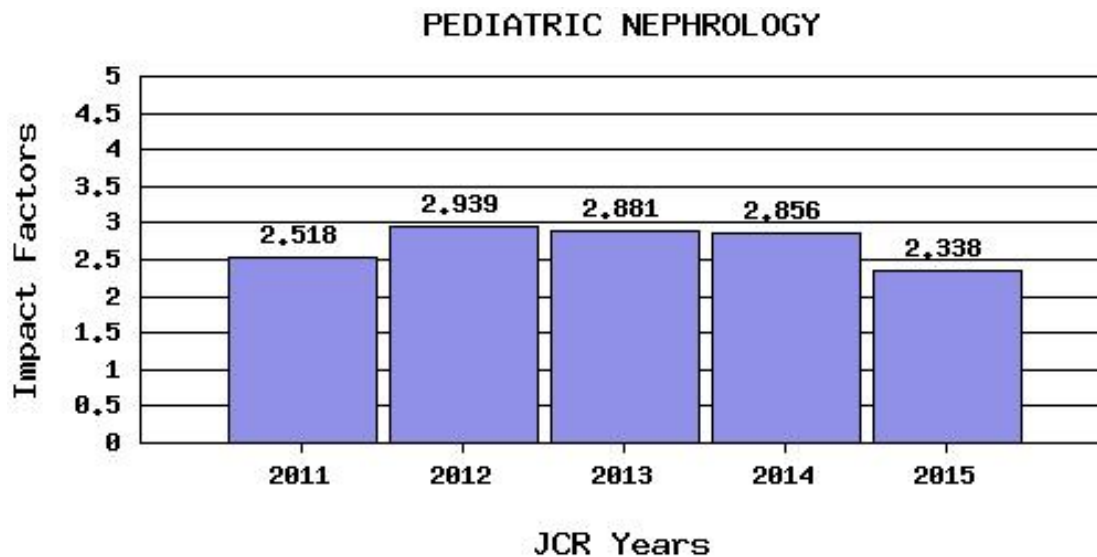


## Update On Pediatric Nephrology - The Journal of IPNA

As editors of Pediatric Nephrology we would like to give the members of IPNA an update on the status of the journal. We are a successful pediatric journal. One way of judging this is the 'impact factor'. It is important to have a high impact factor because academics are judged by not just the number of their publications but the number of times the article is cited by other authors. A journal with a high impact factor therefore attracts the best papers.

The impact factor is calculated by the number of citations of all the papers published by the journal over the previous 2 years divided by the total number of papers. In 2013 and 2014 there were 474 articles published and these were cited 1108 times in 2015. This gives us an impact factor of 2.338 for 2015. The impact factors for the last 5 years are shown in the figure. Although the latest impact factor may seem disappointing, we remain one of the highest ranked pediatric journals, which is remarkable for the size of our subspecialty.



The impact factor provides us, as Editors, with information to help to improve the quality of the Journal, and also, in particular, to understand what it is that you most want to read. We evaluate the types of articles that are cited to determine what you, our readers, find most important. For example, we publish approximately five review articles each month because our readers enjoy these manuscripts and they are cited approximately twice as often as original articles and brief reports. However, we do not make decisions on individual articles based on whether or not we think they will be cited. We send articles to experts in the field who judge the importance and quality of the study. We read every manuscript and make a judgment guided by the reviewers comments as to the importance and quality of the study and manuscript.

While we are quite disappointed by the fall in the impact factor, Pediatric Nephrology remains one of the highest ranked subspecialty journals. Our total submissions will be over 750 this year and we will accept only the best third of these. Let us take this opportunity to

assure our readers and the members of IPNA that the editors will continue to make Pediatric Nephrology a journal that IPNA can be proud of. Our Journal is dependent on receiving excellent submissions and we ask that you consider sending your best work to Pediatric Nephrology so that we can make an excellent journal even better.

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