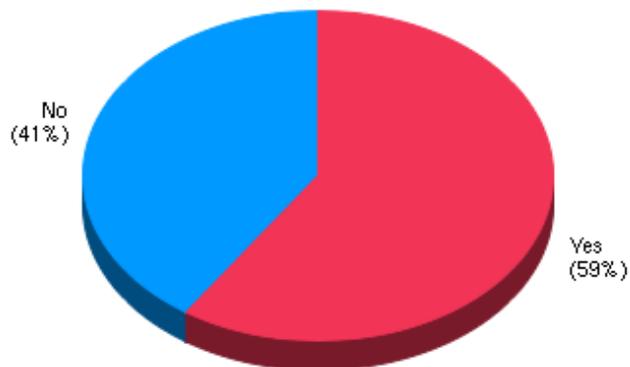


# 2009 JRRD Reader Survey

June 22, 2009

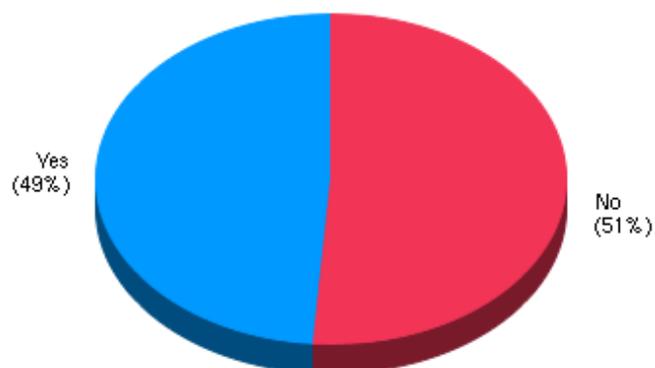
1. Do you receive a hard copy of the journal?



Item	Count	Percent %
Yes	355	59%
No	242	41%

Total responses to this question: 597

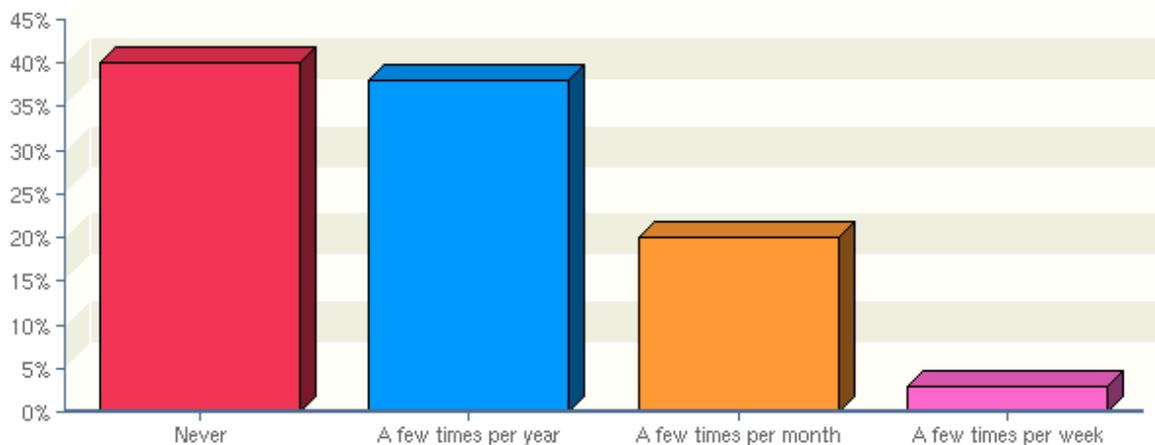
2. Do you read the journal online at [www.rehab.research.va.gov/jour/jourindx.html](http://www.rehab.research.va.gov/jour/jourindx.html)?



Item	Count	Percent %
No	301	51%
Yes	287	49%

Total responses to this question: 585

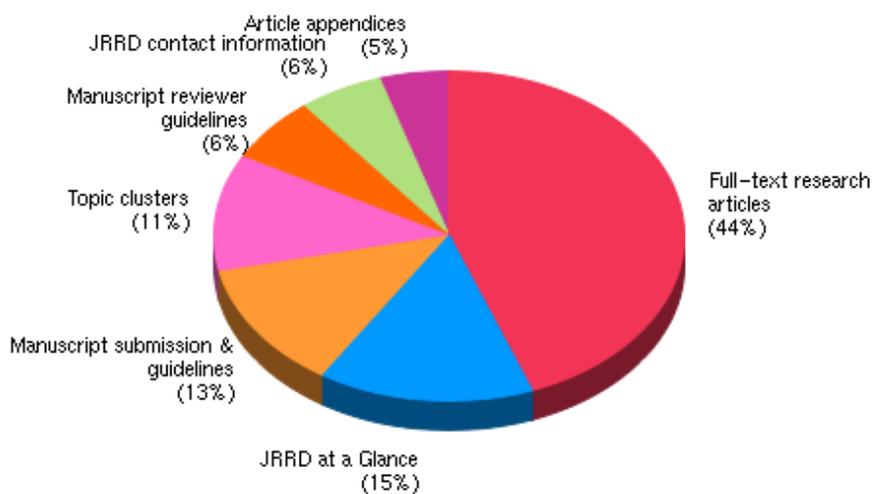
3. How often do you read the journal online?



Item	Count	Percent %
Never	226	40%
A few times per year	216	38%
A few times per month	112	20%
A few times per week	19	3%

Total responses to this question: 569

## 4. What type of information are you primarily looking for on the JRRD Web site?



Item	Count	Percent %
Full-text research articles	379	86%
JRRD at a Glance	126	28%
Manuscript submission & guidelines	107	24%
Topic clusters	98	22%
Manuscript reviewer guidelines	55	12%
JRRD contact information	50	11%
Article appendices	41	9%

Total responses to this question: 443

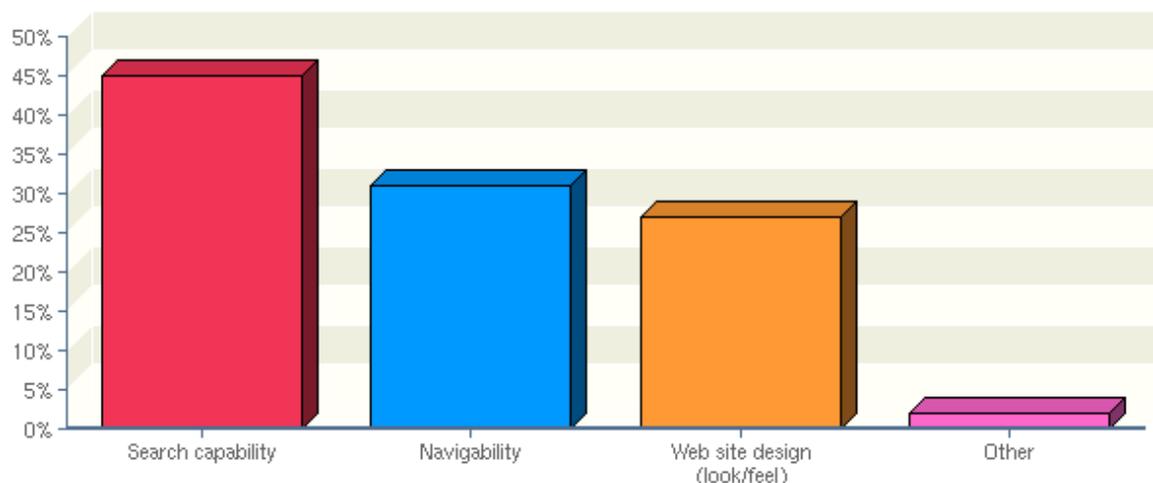
## 5. How would you rate your satisfaction with the JRRD Web site?

Table 1 of 2	Item	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Dissatisfied
#0	Content	43.9%	35.9%	17.6%	2.2%
#1	Organization	43.7%	32.2%	21.5%	2.0%
#2	Appearance	44.7%	30.1%	22.0%	2.2%
#3	Ease of Use	40.4%	32.5%	21.7%	3.9%
#4	Navigation	36.1%	33.6%	26.4%	3.2%
#5	Speed	36.5%	32.5%	29.0%	1.5%

Table 2 of 2	Very Dissatisfied	Total
#0	0.5%	415
#1	0.7%	410
#2	1.0%	409
#3	1.5%	406
#4	0.7%	402
#5	0.5%	400

Total responses to this question: 413

## 6. How would you improve the JRRD Web site?

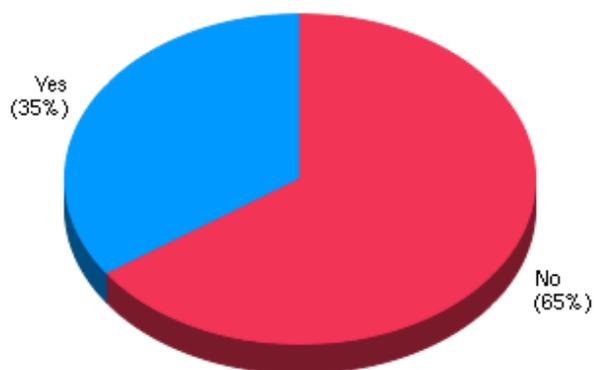


Item	Count	Percent %
Search capability	115	45%
Navigability	80	31%
Web site design (look/feel)	69	27%
N/A	11	(N/A)
have not used it.	2	1%
no suggestions	2	1%
abstracting and indexing	1	0%
accessibility	1	0%
add JRRD to other more commonly used search indexes so that additional search doesnt need to be run	1	0%
add my name to notification and website access.	1	0%
articles that rpresent stated heart treatments	1	0%
create a member login for subscription management	1	0%
Decrease clutter	1	0%
didn't know you had one....	1	0%
don't read online	1	0%
don't use	1	0%
don't use it.	1	0%
dont know it	1	0%
Fundin Opportunity Alerts	1	0%
get info out.	1	0%
I could not access the "Ready Survey" on my computer.	1	0%
I have nothing to add to it as it is always a pleasure to visit and surf it.	1	0%
I like it the way ir is.	1	0%
I think it works... sorry, nothing to suggest.	1	0%
I will look at it sometime	1	0%
If it could be pushed to us.	1	0%
increase access to back issues	1	0%
keep it available, keep it current.	1	0%
Keep the idiots from IT away from the web site	1	0%
Latex Templates	1	0%
link is broken	1	0%
links to other sites.	1	0%

Item	Count	Percent %
Make a link for published ahead of print	1	0%
make the url simple and prominent	1	0%
more defined details for submission	1	0%
More up to date	1	0%
na	1	(N/A)
needs to locate old issues-where is the archives?.	1	0%
never looked	1	0%
never used it, N/A	1	0%
never used-retired	1	0%
no suggestions!	1	0%
no thoughts	1	0%
none	1	0%
not be down	1	0%
not used	1	0%
overall a great resource for me	1	0%
pertinent research related to rehab and outpatient PT	1	0%
primarily come in via google searches or pubmed	1	0%
promote the site better	1	0%
publicize the site through NLM	1	0%
return all archived issues. If there I can't find them.	1	0%
satisfied with JRRD as it is.	1	0%
Start over with Pro-Designer	1	0%
text access	1	0%
timeliness of updates for new issues	1	0%
want to search on authors, topics (narrow)	1	0%

Total responses to this question: 257

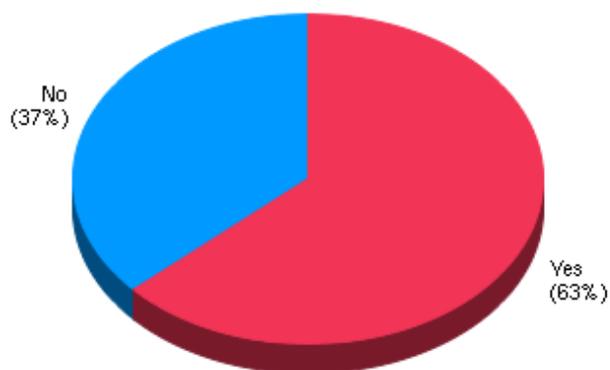
7. Do you receive JRRD eAlerts (e-mail announcements of new issues with fully linked table of contents)?



Item	Count	Percent %
No	374	65%
Yes	199	35%

Total responses to this question: 572

8. If you do not receive eAlerts, would you subscribe if they were specific to your areas of interest?



Item	Count	Percent %
Yes	269	63%
No	156	37%

Total responses to this question: 425

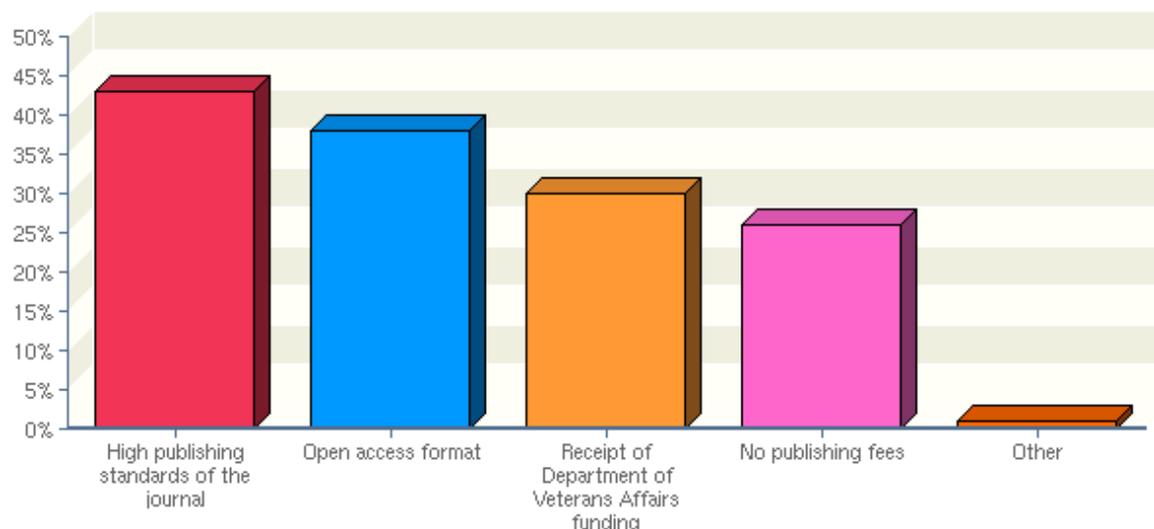
9. Have you ever submitted a manuscript to JRRD?



Item	Count	Percent %
No	359	63%
Yes	208	37%

Total responses to this question: 567

## 10. What primarily influenced your decision to publish in JRRD?



Item	Count	Percent %
High publishing standards of the journal	115	43%
Open access format	102	38%
Receipt of Department of Veterans Affairs funding	82	30%
No publishing fees	69	26%
N/A	15	(N/A)
invitation	3	1%
na	2	(N/A)
study area	1	0%
3rd author	1	0%
Aims and scope of the journal	1	0%
Appropriate topic for JRRD readers	1	0%
appropriateness for audience leadership	1	0%
can't remember	1	0%
colleague asked me	1	0%
content appropriate for journal	1	0%
data was obtained at local VA	1	0%
dont know	1	0%
english minor correction by journal team	1	0%
fed. depository, library that needs paper edition	1	0%
Focus on VHA patients	1	0%
good fit	1	0%
High quality journal	1	0%
I don't publish in JRRD	1	0%
impact factor, indexed on pubmed, visibility.	1	0%
invitation (co-authored paper)	1	0%
invitation by colleague	1	0%
invited	1	0%
invited to submit	1	0%
Length and quality of review	1	0%
multidisciplinary content	1	0%
not writing	1	0%
On pubmed	1	0%
one of a group of articles	1	0%

Item	Count	Percent %
quick turnaround time for publications	1	0%
Reaches an audience I wanted to communicate with.	1	0%
Reader Audience	1	0%
Readers of JRRD -- our study results will be disseminated to the right (and interested) audience.	1	0%
Relevance of article	1	0%
relevant audience	1	0%
relevant for our work	1	0%
Relevant readership	1	0%
request of editor	1	0%
reseach data from VA	1	0%
Research Topic	1	0%
Reviewers are from VA and have a better understand of VA healthcare	1	0%
Reviews are fair	1	0%
Service to the VA	1	0%
Solicited manuscript	1	0%
special issue topic	1	0%
Target audience	1	0%
The Editor is very smart, clearly compensating for the dolts from IT who tried to wreck the web	1	0%
Topic	1	0%
topic of the manuscript	1	0%
topic relevance	1	0%
topic was of interest to readers of the journal	1	0%
topic-related issue	1	0%
typre of readership.	1	0%
VA data	1	0%
VA employee	1	0%
veteran population in my study--audience fit for the manuscript	1	0%

Total responses to this question: 270

11. Do you wish to subscribe to JRRD eAlerts?



Item	Count	Percent %
Yes	291	62%
No	177	38%

Total responses to this question: 468

## Appendix 1: If you have never submitted a manuscript to JRRD for publication, why not?

## Open Text Responses:

Psychiatric research gets a wider readership in other journals.

Different field of research right now. I am into stroke and molecular mechanisms. However I do have some articles that may submit to this interesting journal.

My adviser recommended Medical Engineering and Physics based on the content of my research.

primaty venue for VA supported researchers

primarily submit to gerontology journals

JIF is low and if you are trying to get to specific clinical audiences, JRRD is not the best.

I have nothing to submit!

Work usually better fit for other journals.

In past I was encouraged to submit to Arch Phys Med Rehabil, Am J PM&R, JSCM, or Spinal Cord before considering JRRD as other journals were perceived as being more competitive and prior focus of JRRD was technology, robots, etc. That has changed.

I perceive this to be an internal VA journal that is not widely read by the broader scientific community.

Haven't had a research study that was appropriate

I am acctually planning to submit an article soon. I couldn't find the specific guidelines though.

Researcher at VAMC Durham have queried and asked librarian aid

Currently in process of submitting.

Plan to.

Plan to.

Was not one of of the primary journals I read

Up and till now ther was no reason for it. From this year I'm almost ready to publish results from my study. So now the is changing for this

No longer doing research

My research is more basic science in nature

It should be expanded to social policy and social science

Becuae I do not yet have a manuscript that matches the requirement of JRRD. I may submit one manuscript to JRRD in the near future.

Not aware of its existence or focus until I was asked to do an ad hoc review.

Not a practitioner, just a user of such technology

I am not a VA employee and was not sure my toics were appropriate as my participatns were not veterans.

I will definetely consider submitting again.

I am thinking about it.

I didn't have the appropriate content.

no reason other than specialty readership

Have not been aware of it.

I have one in preparation, but it has not been submitted. I look forward to it, however.

I am not a VA researchers / clinician; Unknown impact factor; not widely read by audiologists

Never thought about it as a venue for publication since I do not work for the VA.

Submitted to other publications - more targeted to my scope of practice

have not had the right paper yet

N/A

N/A

I do not know how...but, I would certainly consider submitting on electronic travel aids for the blind research at the University of Louisville.

Primarily submit to journals with a pulmonary or critical care focus

soon we will submit in near future

Not yet published in this area. I will submit in the future.

different research focus

Did not have a topic that was relevant for publication there in preference to to some other journal.

Good question. Perhaps because there ar journals with a higher impact factor

my main focus is on german publications. Hopefully I will have a submission in future

publishing in German language only

We actually currently consider submitting a paper. Most of our research is technological in character and often fits best in a biomedical technology journal (however, this is not the case for all of our papers)

## Open Text Responses:

... I'm just preparing one ...

outside of my area of research

Full-time PhD course work

It seems that most of the journal papers are from VA supported research. I feel that there may be a bias toward accepting manuscripts that have VA funding. (i.e. have a very direct impact on the VA population). I have served as a reviewer for the journal and consider it to be of high quality

not directly in rehabilitation involved

I am not a research practitioner

Never thought about it

My research is in the area of pediatrics - not applicable to the journal.

Basically, iam a speech language pathologist, therefore, iam not sure whether i can submit my articles or not.

I have not have suitable manuscript on that area for submission

Submit to my professional journal

No specific reason. Usually, in multiple author manuscripts, journal course is decided as a group.

to busy

my specific work at the time was not relevant for publication in this journal

no appropriate content to submit to date

I didn't think JRRD would have as much speech-language pathology readership as other journals and this was the audience that I was targeting

Not ready in my research level of experience.

Research not completed

-low impact factor.

-very strong focus on applied issued rather than on pathophysiology

not thought about it, as primary interest is SCI

I hadn't get reportable results in this field in recent years.

other journals were more appropriate with regard to reacheing the right audience withthe work submitted.

not involved in research

No excuse!

Too early given timeline of research

do not perform research

Because we can put only 5 authors

Dr. Gene Murphy said JRRD was not a reprint journal, and I'd have to submit original articals not things I'd published elsewhere.

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My research experience is not very long. So, I'm first writing a paper for submission to JRRD. It takes a lot of rime since I'm not a native English speaker.

But I will submit it in a couple of months. That is my goal.

Not what I do for my job. Only a user.

I don't know. I should!

I use Journal of biomechancis, clinical biomechanics and gait and posture

Good question. I don't know the answer but I will think about it.

My papers are more commentary and analysis than original research.

I have no time to prepare for it.

But I would like to try this year!

To date the topics I publish in haven't fitted as well. I have also been cautious that some of my material may have clashed with the views of the editors.

The focus of my research is children. I also have a textbook I have writen that includes the full life span for JRRD is useful for that.

## Open Text Responses:

Are your journal ISI ?

Have it impact factor?

Unfortunately our organ prefer papers in ISI OR valid Indexed journal.  
but I try to send you a manuscript

I don't do research

I am not presently involved in any research activities

Most manuscripts in which I have been involved have been submitted to other "special interest" publications.  
not had time to produce a quality manuscript

I can not respond to all of the invitations to publish as it is!

Seldom publish anymore

I am not actively engaged in research at present.

na

I do not do research

Functioning in an administrative capacity yet with the need to stay abreast of research.

time

time

time

time

I do mostly clinical work, no research

mostly I am interested in geriatrics and rehab which often is not part of the JRRD content, understandably  
don't do research

Have not submitted journal articles for last 3 years. More likely to do so in ergonomics journal, although my work concerns  
ergonomics applied to people with physical disabilities post initial rehabilitation.

Other possibilities for my publications

I am not a researcher or an author.

Haven't done research with specific focus on veterans

Don't have time to write

My research is more in the psychosocial arena  
the thought never occurred to me.

Soceity Executi ve

very little time to write.

Haven't had the appropriate MS.

RFM

may do it in the future.

nothing.

we are a library.

no time for research and don't know how.

no need.

haven't had anything appropriate

not conducting studies.

teacher-no time.

too engineering oriented

no time

no time

not enough hours in the day.

i do 100% clinical work.

do not work in rehab field

sole practitioner = no time

no computer

not yet!

not an academic

not interested

not interested

only do minimal resource

I am not a researcher

## Open Text Responses:

I am not in the medical profession  
 i thought it was only VA related  
 University only VA staff can submit.  
 not involved in doing research just benefiting from it, especially as it relates to developing and delivering appropriate wheelchairs to developoing countries.  
 assumed you had to be affiliated with the VA.  
 speech therapy, clinical, many others are more qualified.  
 not a researcher  
 not a researcher  
 no article worth submission.  
 does not meet needs  
 no relevant manuscripts  
 Have yet to make in research  
 currently not in research.  
 Librarian, not currently doing research articles.  
 have not had time. Currently finishing my PhD would like to submit it. (amputee population)  
 not a writer.  
 not so inclined!  
 never had a suitable one.  
 other commitments  
 will consider.  
 pending.  
 not applicable  
 I will soon.  
 not smart enough.  
 don't have time now. will in the future. have some topics.  
 just started classes to learn research.  
 not in research  
 not in research  
 I don't do research.  
 not a priority with me at this time.  
 reluctant i guess.  
 I do driving research  
 no longer write journal articles.  
 not consistently in research, work primarily in out patient PT.  
 none at this point.  
 Time, ill elderly parents, and children in high school and college.  
 to other journals  
 not a physician  
 not engaged in clinical research at this time.  
 I'm in a clinical position w/no research time allotted.  
 Hi guys-this arrived fast on Friday the 10th.  
 do not have appropriate professional credentials.  
 my research was not featured in the journal (NASA+FD-A)  
 library  
 only recently began doing research again.  
 not into research.  
 didn't know the process.  
 prefer other publishers.  
 submitted/published elsewhere.  
 do not research  
 I haven't done research.  
 retired.  
 don't write.  
 I find JRRD to be of very little value. Stop sending it.

## Open Text Responses:

not in rehab anymore.  
 currently retired  
 no longer assigned to rehab  
 not an academic.  
 I came close.  
 i am retired for 10 years.

Total responses to this question: 201

## Appendix 2: Other comments?

## Open Text Responses:

It would be greatly appreciated if you can mail a hard copy of the newly published Journal in the future so that I could share it with colleagues in this VA research center.

Can you send the JRRD Table of Contents email in a different format? It's really tedious to get to it when using text-only email, and I suspect it's not much better if received with HTML email.

Why not include a link to the current issue's table of contents, i.e. <http://www.rehab.research.va.gov/jour/08/45/9/index.html>? The format of your online TOC is really great, so why direct recipients of the email to open individual jpg files that don't have hyperlinks to the journal content?

no  
 Please add me to hard copy list.  
 I think the Journal is excellent but would prefer to see clustered topics  
 Be nice to have a section dealing with basic science topics that a relevant to future rehab issues.

Is this Journal an ISI journal?

I may be interested in a subscription to this Journal.  
 There are many editors to be able to understand our fields.  
 JRRD fills an important niche between clinical rehabilitation and engineering research  
 Lloyd looks good in pink. It brings out his feminine side.

never submitted

the journal is interesting but ciollateral to my field which is focused on EMG

I have not been been eligible as a VA investigator since 1998.

I have read a lot of articles and learned very interesting subjects from JRRD.

My research interest is wheelchair propulsion. JRRD has many information on wheelchair study, so it is very helpful for me. Anyway, I will try to submit an original article.

Very well written and edited journal. Very informative papers. I consider it to be one of the best journals in the field of rehabilitation.

I'm afraid to fill the contract information out so I don't end up with a duplicate copy.

Having checked the website for the first time due to this survey, I am impressed. Rather than receive a hard copy, I would prefer to receive eAlerts so I can review articles on line. Thank you

I am recieving two issues of the journal to my old address

Roger Weed

P. O. Box 2133

Duluth, GA 30096

Please (1) send only one copy and (2) update the address (see below)

I love the open access format

na  
 I like hard copy, but I would like to see abstracts and links to related material in an online format.

It was a frustrating process.

I would be glad to give up hard copy of the Journal if I got e-mail alerts w/ link to website

Enjoy the journal very much

I would like to become better acquainted with the JRRD Web site

I don't use the website but I enjoy the journal and I share it with others.

Editorials

## Open Text Responses:

Computers are not always accessible and do not always work. A novel copy is portable (much more than a laptop), and cannot be damaged if sitting on a bench, which is the best place to catch up on journal reading.

more broad topics.

none

haven't used the website. I'm old school.

more prosthetic articles.

put more prosthetic articles in journal

need to try out the wbesite.

I have never reviewed this site

this is an excellent journal.

only read articles specific to amputations, prosthetics diabetes, phantom pain, and neuropathy.

don't use the website at all.

use hard copy only

I enjoy the indepth approach to your subject mentioned. Keep up the good work.

I am 88 years old and an World War II amputee with many other problems, so I am interested in nearly everything that is written about. I have written to several doctors about their articles.

have not vistied the website yet.

was not aware of the website.

I prefer the hard copy- we keep it here for staff reference. ease of use.

have never explored the wbesite. I like the portability of the print version.

am a CO and looking for orthotic research articles.

Have not used web site in the past but will look into it soon. wants eAlerts on orthodotics and prothetics.

I'm a big fan of JRRD, and I'm so glad you are back online. The imposed gov't format for the web site is a little clunky. already recieve eAlerts.

This is an excellent publication

Did not know I could read this website.

I do not use the web site to read journals, only email and searching for info.

very interesting journal.

Keep up the good work

I share this info with the rehab and orthopedic community to keep them up to date.

Great for new rehab findings

I like the website

not familiar with the website.

Your work is important and increasingly so!

This year website and national office were "off-line" too long.

Too much copy editing of my manuscripts before publication!!! unlike any other journal-to the point where scientific meaning is changed. I can't find the new website!

Thank you.

Thank you for continuing to publish good studies regarding rehabilitation.

never checked the web site out.

enjoy reading it and the information it has.

not aware of the website. Would like to recieve the link to the online publication. Thank you!

I prefer a hard copy

I enjoy the journal in hard copy.

I do driving research in our Driver Rehab clinic. It would be nice to have an issue devoted to driving-i.e., older, polytrauma, legal and ethical considerations, or on dementia.

As you know I was the creator of the JRRD and I am indeed proud of it's development and scientific credibility. Thanks for your hard work.

Cannot access pdfs from non-VA computer via site.

use and read journal and use articles with students

This is a good publication for alerting to on going and recent research

Thanks for asking. I didn't know the servies were availabe on-line. I will check it out.

want it on shelf for referense

I prefer hardcopy journals.

I am not familiar with the website.

Our patrons enjoy reading this publication. Thank you for sending this journal to our university.

## Open Text Responses:

excellent journal!

I enjoy the journal and find them helpful dealing with my disability.

published elsewhere. (CSUN/JASA/JUA)

It is easiest and quickest for me to skim the hard copy and read the pertinent articles.

Stop hard copy. I would rather only get online copy.

I've not previously used the website. Now that I recieved this reminder that it is available, I will use it.

I find it of academic interest: I prefer paper for reading. My internet connection is rather unpredictable. I also have security privacy concerns with the web. If you cannot afford to send hard copy please just discontinue sending JRRD.

This questionnaire is entirely unsuited to those who are no long involved in the business. Please discontinue my print subscription as well. I don't read it.

didn't know it was online

stop sending hard copy as throw most away

will read on-line as deserved.

Please cancel the subscription mailing to this address. This journal is not read by anyone in the office. Thank you very much.

please cancel.

Please take me off your mailing list. Thank you!

As I am retired and just found out the good quality of the journal on the web. You may discontinue sending me the hard copy.

please discontinue subscrtiption.

I would prefer to recieve the journal on-line instead of hard copy from a "green" perspeticve.

I currently get JRRD journal but wake up coming recieved. please cancel subscription. many thanks.

please take me off mailing list.

please take me off the mailing list.

did not know it was online. Discontinue hard copy. I'll read on web site

JRRD is a wonderful journal but since I am retired I really do not need it and rarely read it. Please take me off your mailing list. Send it to someone who can use it. Thank you.

I'm retired, no longer in research. please discontinue my name and address.

remove me from the mailing list please.

Total responses to this question: 100