



**LAIM PUBLICATION
REQUIREMENT GUIDELINES
July 2026 – June 2027**

Please note: This document acts as a supplement to Specialty Manual section 3.E.9 and therefore both must be read thoroughly to ensure that all policies and guidelines relevant to the LAIM Publication Requirement are being adhered to.

Publication Criteria

- If a publication is not in English, it is the Candidate's responsibility to provide an independent English translation of the article and other documentation to the LAIM Credentials Committee (LAIM CC).
- The topic of this publication must be relevant to the discipline of **large animal internal medicine**. Original research, retrospective studies, and review articles are examples of acceptable types of publications. **Case reports are not acceptable.**
- A manuscript that was submitted to an approved journal but was not accepted by that same journal may be resubmitted to another approved journal and accepted by the LAIM CC.
- A refereed journal is one that is governed by policies and procedures established and maintained by a standing editorial board that requires critical review of **all** papers and approval by at least one recognized authority on the subject.
- **All publications must be Medline indexed.**

If the journal is not one of those listed below: it is the **Candidate's responsibility** to include a link to a description of the journal's editorial and peer review process or an email/letter from the editor of that journal that outlines the editorial process **in detail**. If this information does not **adequately** document to the LAIM CC that the journal is acceptable, the publication will be rejected without further review. This additional step is mandatory whether the Candidate is seeking committee review of a journal prior to or after submitting their manuscript to the journal in question.

Acceptable Journals List*:

American Journal of Veterinary Research
Anaerobe
Animal Genetics
Animals with Special Issue: Routine Healthcare and Management of the Donkey
Australian Veterinary Journal
BMC Veterinary Research
Canadian Journal of Veterinary Research
Canadian Veterinary Journal
Developmental Biology
Domestic Animal Endocrinology

Equine Veterinary Education
Equine Veterinary Journal
Frontiers in Veterinary Science
Journal of Dairy Science
Journal of Equine Veterinary Science
Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association
Journal of Veterinary Cardiology
Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation
Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine
Journal of Veterinary Ophthalmology
Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology & Therapeutics
New Zealand Veterinary Journal
PLOS One
Preventive Veterinary Medicine
Progress in Veterinary Neurology
Research in Veterinary Science
Scientific Reports
Transboundary and Emerging Diseases
Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia
Veterinary Clinical Pathology
Veterinary Dermatology
The Veterinary Journal
Veterinary Medicine
Veterinary Medicine International
Veterinary Microbiology
Veterinary Pathology
Veterinary Quarterly
Veterinary Radiology & Ultrasound
Veterinary Record
Veterinary Research Communications
Veterinary Surgery
Veterinary Therapeutics

*This list is not exhaustive, and many other journals may be acceptable. Candidates are reminded that the topics of these publications must be relevant to the discipline of **internal medicine**.

The Following Articles/Journals are generally not acceptable:

Equine Veterinary Education: Short Communications
JAVMA: CCC (serials)
Journal of Dairy Sciences: Short Communications
JVIM: Clinical Vignettes
Lay Publications (e.g., Equus, Cat Fancy) Letters to the Editor
Photo Essays
Proceedings of ... (various meetings, specialties)
Serial articles (e.g., ECG of the month, Topics in drug therapy, What's your diagnosis?)
Short communications in Veterinary Record
Veterinary Anesthesia and Analgesia: Short Communications
VM: Endoscopy case of the month (serials)

Instructions for Submitting a Publication When Not Submitting with Credentials Packet and Other Important Notes:

- Publications submitted outside of Credentials Packets (for Specialty Exam Eligibility) must be sent via e-mail to Adam@ACVIM.org.
- All questions or petitions concerning the acceptability of a journal or publication, or the acceptance status of a publication must also be sent to Adam@ACVIM.org. Your Staff Liaison will send all correspondence and documents to the LAIM CC on your behalf.
- If a Candidate plans to submit their Publication **with** their Credentials Packet: Any questions concerning the acceptability of a publication should be **sent via email, prior** to the submission of the credentials packet. Note that it can take **up to 6 weeks'** time to receive a response.

Acceptance of a publication for credentials may take some time, however, all submissions will be accepted or declined within 60 days of receipt by the ACVIM Certification Specialist.