

SAIM PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT GUIDE

The publication requirement is one component of the SAIM Credentials requirements for Board-certification. Candidates may submit publication materials with their Credentials packet or separately at any time after beginning an approved Residency Training Program. Submission of publication materials is not required for a Candidate to submit a Credentials packet or become eligible to take the Specialty Examination. However, the publication requirement must be satisfied before a Candidate's Credentials can receive final approval and Board-certification can be granted.

Specific Relevancy Requirements for the SAIM Publication Requirement:

1. The Candidate must be the first author.
2. The manuscript must be in English, **OR** it is the Candidate's responsibility to provide an independent English translation of the article and other documentation.
3. The topic **must be relevant to the topic of SAIM**. In general, the manuscript should demonstrate the candidate's proficiency in understanding scientific method and study design, including statistics, and critically evaluating the literature.
 - Relevance to the topic of small animal internal medicine will be determined by assessment of whether the manuscript meaningfully impacts the scientific understanding of a subject relevant to internal medicine **OR** its diagnosis or management by a specialist in small animal internal medicine.
 - Candidates are encouraged to submit the topic to the SAIM CC in advance if there are any questions about the relevance or the specific journal so that these questions can be assessed before starting the study.
4. The manuscript must be submitted to a journal that is MEDLINE® indexed.

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Directions for Submitting Publication Requirement Documentation:

Publication requirement documentation may be submitted with your Credentials packet or separately at any time after beginning an approved Residency Training Program.

Email the required documentation to the SAIM CC at Certification@ACVIM.org. The documentation you submit depends on the current status of your manuscript. Submit **one** of the following:

1. A copy of a published manuscript in its final form (pdf copy of the publication).
2. A copy of an accepted manuscript (galley proof, corrected proof, etc.) and either the acceptance letter on letterhead from the journal or an acceptance email from the official email address of the journal.
3. A copy of a submitted manuscript, with an attestation from a SAIM Diplomate (RA/PD, mentor, or research mentor) that the manuscript represents legitimate scholarly work and was submitted to the journal in good faith, and proof of submission to the journal (letter of receipt, image of submission portal showing submission, etc.)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Questions regarding whether a manuscript of journal is likely to satisfy the publication requirement should be directed to the Chair of the SAIM CC by emailing Certification@ACVIM.org. Candidates are encouraged to seek guidance before submitting a manuscript if they have questions regarding relevancy or journal eligibility.
- Publication requirement documentation may be submitted at any time after beginning an approved ACVIM SAIM Residency Training Program (RTP). Candidates are encouraged to submit documentation as early as possible to allow adequate time for Committee review.
- Original research publications and retrospective studies are examples of acceptable publications.
- Case reports and review articles are less likely to satisfy the publication requirement unless they are sufficiently detailed to meet the relevancy criteria described above.
- Occasionally, a manuscript may be reclassified by a journal as a “brief communication”. The SAIM CC may determine that such manuscripts satisfy the publication requirement. Candidates are encouraged to seek Committee guidance before relying on a brief communication to fulfill this requirement.
- Manuscripts published within 3 years prior to the start date of the residency may be submitted to the SAIM CC for consideration toward fulfillment of the publication requirement.
- Candidates wishing to receive their Diplomate certificate at the ACVIM Forum must submit all outstanding Board-certification requirements, including the publication requirement by March 1st of the presentation year. Candidates who submit their documentation after March 1 will receive Board-certification when eligible, but their certificate will be presented at the following year's Forum.