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Welcome to The Cooper Rowan Medical Journal (CRMJ), a new open-access, peer-reviewed biomedical science journal from Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU)! One of the most exciting aspects of being at a new school is the many “firsts” that we get to celebrate and today we get to celebrate the launch of CRMJ!

This new scholarly journal is student-driven, partially student-run and faculty-supervised. Its peer-reviewed articles include up-to-date research first-authored by current medical students, allied health students, and medical residents and fellows.

The CRMJ was initiated last year by CMSRU clinical faculty and medical students who sought to create a peer-reviewed journal that could publish student research from around the globe. With leadership and guidance from CMSRU’s medical library staff and physician-scientist faculty, our medical students were able to make this journal a reality. I am proud to announce that the CRMJ has published its first several manuscripts.

At CMSRU, we are committed to educating students who understand the importance of evidence-based medicine, scholarly research, and lifelong learning. These principles are enshrined in our school’s mission and core values, and were built into the curriculum through the “Scholars Workshop,” a four-year course that requires our students to develop and carry out a long-term project of scholarly investigation that results in a capstone project.

Engaging medical students and other medical professionals in the research process and providing a platform for publishing their work helps reinforce vital critical thinking skills while laying the groundwork for successful futures in academic medicine. Medical students, residents, fellows and students of allied health from programs across the country are encouraged to submit manuscripts to The CRMJ for consideration.

I'm extremely proud of our students, faculty and librarians for having the vision, confidence and perseverance to bring a complicated project like this to fruition, and I look forward to reading the important work of our nation's future physician-scientists.

Sincerely,

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