Announcement From ADA’s Publications Policy Committee

Editor’s note: In the January issue of Diabetes Care (28:1–2, 2005), I discussed a potential new open-access model of scholarly reporting championed by Harold Varmus, MD, the former Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This process has moved along and has now been officially adopted by NIH. I promised to keep the readership apprised of this issue. The American Diabetes Association’s position in regard to the NIH’s Policy on Enhancing Public Access to Archived Publications Resulting from NIH-Funded Research is described in the following statement by ADA’s Publications Policy Committee.

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The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently announced its final Policy on Enhancing Public Access to Archived Publications Resulting from NIH-Funded Research (http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-022.html). According to the policy, as of 2 May 2005, authors of papers resulting from research funded by NIH are requested to deposit an electronic copy of their final accepted manuscript in PubMed Central within 12 months of acceptance for publication, to be made freely accessible to the public as soon as possible.

Although the American Diabetes Association (ADA) is not able to deposit papers on behalf of authors publishing in its journals Diabetes and Diabetes Care, ADA is eager to help authors comply with the policy. To that end, we have modified our copyright assignment form to allow such a deposit in PubMed Central or any other funding body or institutional repository immediately upon a paper’s acceptance and to permit release of the manuscript to the public without further delay. The complete instructions for authors, which can be found at http://care.diabetesjournals.org/misc/ifora.shtml, describe the terms and conditions as follows:

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