

Happy First Birthday SWJPCC!

With the end of 2011, the Southwest Journal of Pulmonary and Critical Care (SWJPCC) completed its first full year of operation. Planning for SWJPCC began in August, 2010 and our first manuscript was posted on November 11, 2010. This has been a year of growth. We posted 8 manuscripts our first year and 68 this year (Table 1).

Table 1. Postings by SWJPCC 2010 and 2011.

Year	2010	2011
Total Postings	8	68
Pulmonary	0	10
Critical Care	0	4
Sleep	0	3
Imaging	2	8
Pulmonary Journal Club	1	8
Critical Care Journal Club	2	9
Sleep Journal Club	1	4
Proceedings of the Arizona Thoracic Society	1	10
Editorial	1	12

We had manuscripts submitted from each fellowship programs in the Southwest (Phoenix, Tucson, Albuquerque and Denver) but also received submissions from outside the Southwest including from foreign countries such as the UK, India and Boston (which views itself as a separate country). Our readership has also steadily grown from 30 unique IP addresses in November, 2010 to nearly 1000 during December, 2011 (Figure 1, Panel A). Accompanying this increase in uniques has been an increase in the number of page views (the number of files that are requested from a site, also known as “hits”, Figure 1, Panel B).

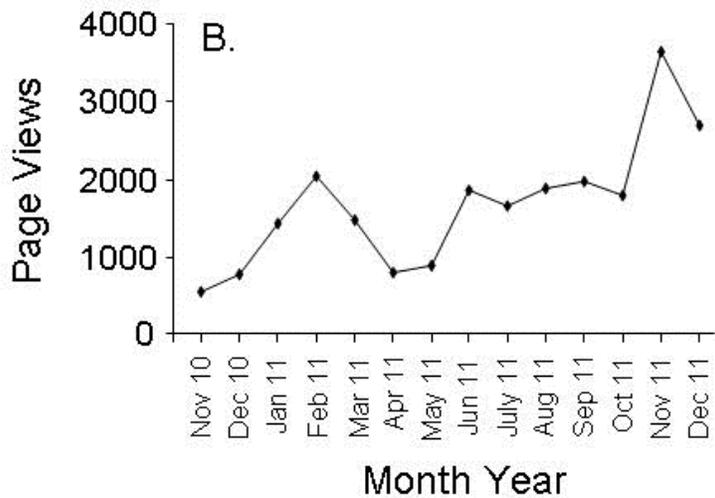
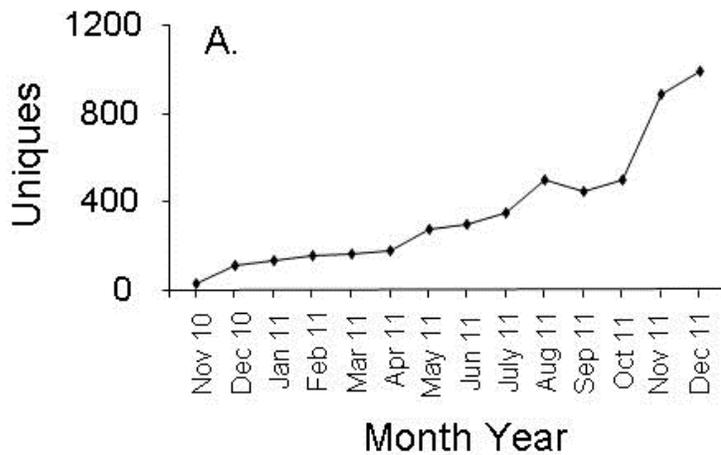


Figure 1. Panel A. Unique IP addresses accessing the SWJPCC site by month. Panel B. Page views accessing the SWJPCC site by month.

With the increase in manuscripts we have expanded the number of associate editors from the original 5 to 13 with representatives from each pulmonary fellowship in the Southwest.

Overall, this has been a good start and many need to be thanked. First, thanks to our authors. You took a chance on a new journal and we appreciate the opportunity to publish your work. Second, thanks to our reviewers. SWJPCC, like all journals, relies upon expert reviewers in order to publish the highest

quality manuscripts. We thank the reviewers for their time and effort in the prompt submission of their reviews. A list of reviewers for 2011 is below.

Owen Austrheim
David Baratz
Richard Gerkin
Michael Gotway
Manoj Mathew
Vijaychandran Nair
Jennie O'Hea
Lilibeth Pineda
Francisco Ramirez
Robert Raschke
Patricia Rocha
John Roehrs
Clement Singarajah
Linda Snyder
Gerald Swartzberg
Allen Thomas
Carolyn Welsh
Lewis Wesselius

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