

Brief Interview with Dr. Ross Sparks (Editor)

Journal of Health & Medical Informatics

1. How many years have you been practicing and/or performing research?

34 years

2. What is the research topic you are working on now?

Health services – forecasting length of stay in hospital, syndromic surveillance using twitter, efficient sub-acute management of patients, forecasting the health costs for members of an insurance company. Monitoring communication counts for a targeted group of people.

3. What makes an article top quality?

Simple algorithms that have a big impact or efficiency gain

4. What are the qualities you look for in an article?

Ability to tell a story that is going to improve the way things are done in health services/treatments.

5. Do you have any research funding (NIH or other national funding) now?

No – not USA based.

6. When did you become an editor of OMICS Journal?

2013

7. Do you plan to contribute any editorials or papers to OMICS Journals in the next year?

Possibly

8. Do you have any trouble with OMICS Journals in the past?

No

9. Would you recommend OMICS to your friends or colleagues?

Not yet

10. How do you differentiate Journal of Health & Medical Informatics with other journals in the field?

It still has some ways to go to make its mark on the research community.