

***IIE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering* – A Forum to Bridge Research and Healthcare Practices**

IIE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering is an official journal of the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers. Our journal publishes research motivated by the challenging problems related to healthcare systems. It aims to foster the healthcare systems community by bringing research papers that have a strong methodological focus and direct applicability to healthcare systems to the audience. Currently, we publish papers in one of four categories: Healthcare Operations Management, Healthcare Informatics, Medical Decision Making and Socio-Technical Systems Analysis.

As our journal is stepping into its sixth year, we want to update SHS community on newly implemented journal policies along with several opportunities. Our goal is to make our journal a forum to bridge research and healthcare practices.

- Starting with the third issue of 2016, we are implementing a new publication policy. Each published paper will have a supplemental document: “**impact statement**”. This statement will be provided by a healthcare professional to highlight the practical implication of the research.
- We have just released our first call for papers for a special issue under the topic of “healthcare informatics”, to strongly encourage researchers, clinicians, scientists and engineers presenting their innovative and cross-disciplinary work on the topic of healthcare informatics, our guest editors are from Industrial Engineering, Computer Science and Healthcare organization. For more information, please see the following call for special issue announcement.
- Sponsored by IBM China Research Lab, our journal will offer two awards:
 - **Best journal paper award:** our editorial board will review the papers published and select the best journal paper. The authors of the best paper will receive a \$750 cash award. The runner up will be awarded \$250 cash. Authors from the papers will be invited to IISE 2017 Honors and Awards Banquet.
 - **Best student paper award:** the call for best student paper for the IISE healthcare track will be released shortly. 1st place best student paper will be awarded \$500 cash, 2nd place best student paper will be awarded \$300 cash, and the 3rd place winner will be awarded \$200 cash. The student best papers are encouraged to make a full submission to *IIE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering*. For more information, please see attached call for best student competition announcement.