How can you use technology to decrease time between online publication and print publication?

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Annals Releases

- Annals publishes new online content weekly and print every 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} Tuesday
- In the past, the schedules were managed in separate spreadsheets
Question from our Editors

In 2015, could our system schedule manuscripts for publication?

- Auto-schedule a paper upon acceptance
- Maintain control
rMed Background

- rMed is a manuscript tracking system built by the American College of Physicians (ACP) in 1997
- rMed manages the full lifecycle of a manuscript similar to Scholar One or Editorial Manager
Who Needs To Be Involved?

- Technical Staff
- Production
- Manuscript Processing
- Editors
Requirements

- Differentiate between print and online
- Automatically insert articles into publication slots
- Configure slotting by article type / format
- Allow for an immediate release
- Manually move manuscripts
- Alert responsible staff of changes
Parameters

- Production lead time
- Notes functionality
- What/when to auto-schedule?
  - Pre-defined releases
Tweaks Along the Way

- Editorial, patient summary and access checks
- Who can view vs. who can edit?
- Exporting reports of releases by date
- Linking manuscripts (Clinical guideline with a background review)
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Average Time Between Online and Print Release

Q1 76
Q2 75
Q3 68
Q4 52

Time
Average Time between Acceptance and Online Release (November 2015-July 2017)
Feedback from Editors

- “It has markedly reduced the chaos that was far more routine before the scheduler.”
- “It has made the work more efficient for editors/staff.”
- “Auto-scheduling the manuscripts keeps things from falling through the cracks and creates an imperative for ancillary material.”
- “The scheduler acts as one dynamic spreadsheet, no more multiple files and emails to manage”
Reaping the Benefits

- Trust in technology = Time saved
- One dynamic schedule
- Releasing content sooner