# Medical Student Publications: A Forgotten Piece of the Scholarly Communications Mosaic

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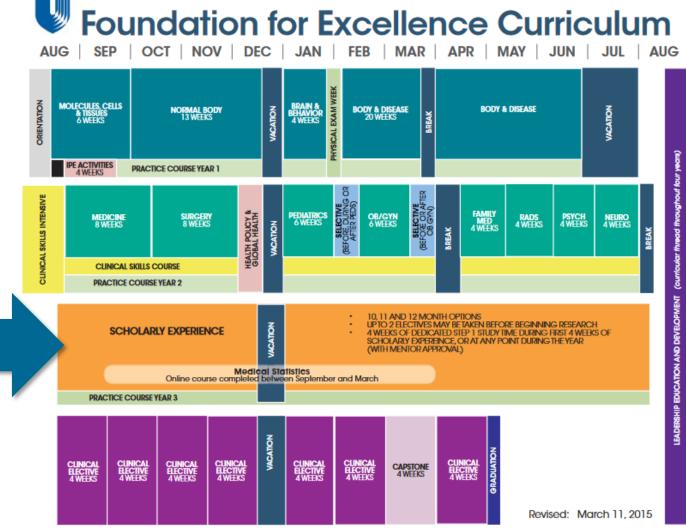
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# Background

- Duke University Medical Students have opportunities in their clinical and research years to generate research that results in publications.
- Studies are showing this is a growing trend and that residency programs consider publication histories when reviewing applicants.
- This group is not always targeted as potential authors by the library.
- The question arose as to whether and where medical students publish?

## Curriculum

**Third Year Scholarly Experience** 



This is a guideline that lays out the individual courses and experiences that are required for completion of the MD degree. The sequence and placement of these events may differ from student to student. For specific details about the curriculum or for information about the Primary Care Leadership Track please consult the Bulletin at http://registrar.duke.edu/university-bulletins/school-medicine.

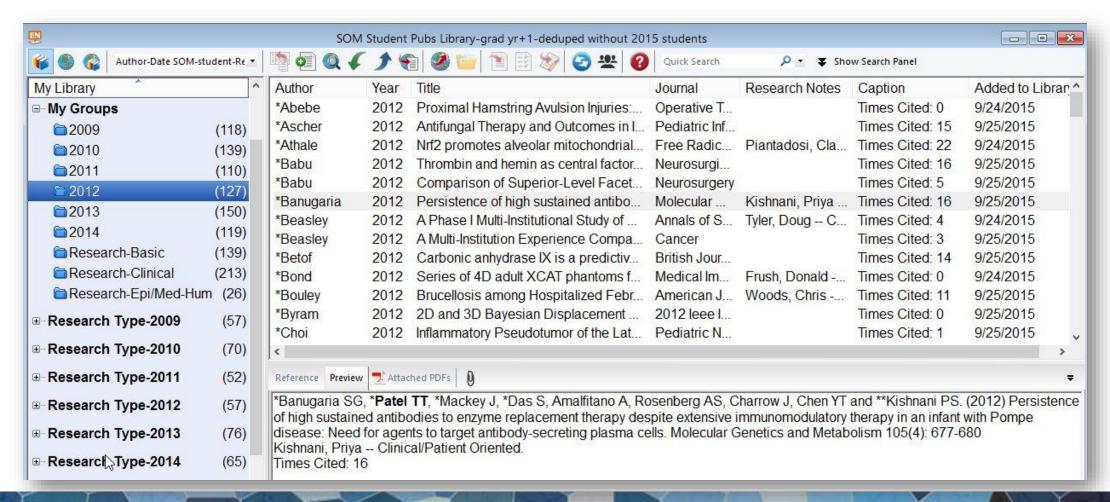
### **Process**

Maintain database of Duke Health publications

Identified students who graduated in 2009-2014

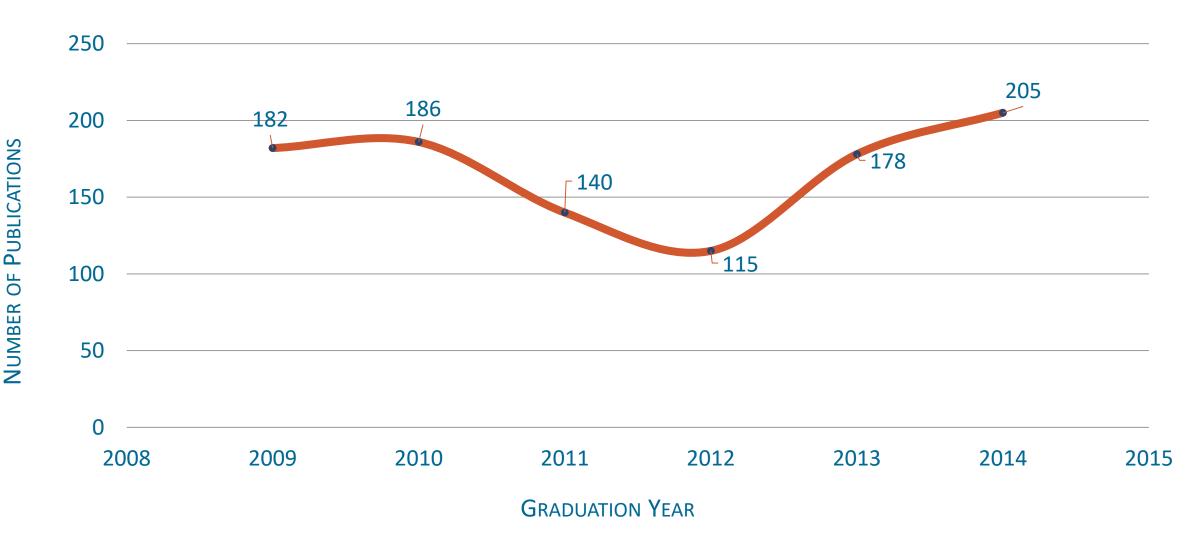
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## **Database of Student Publications**

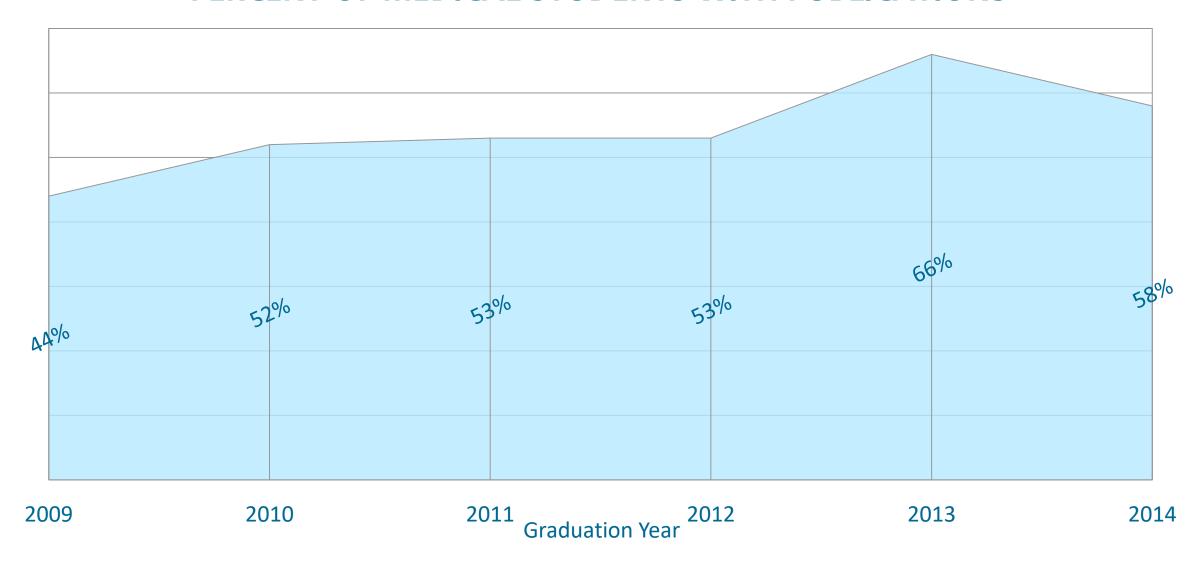


## Results!

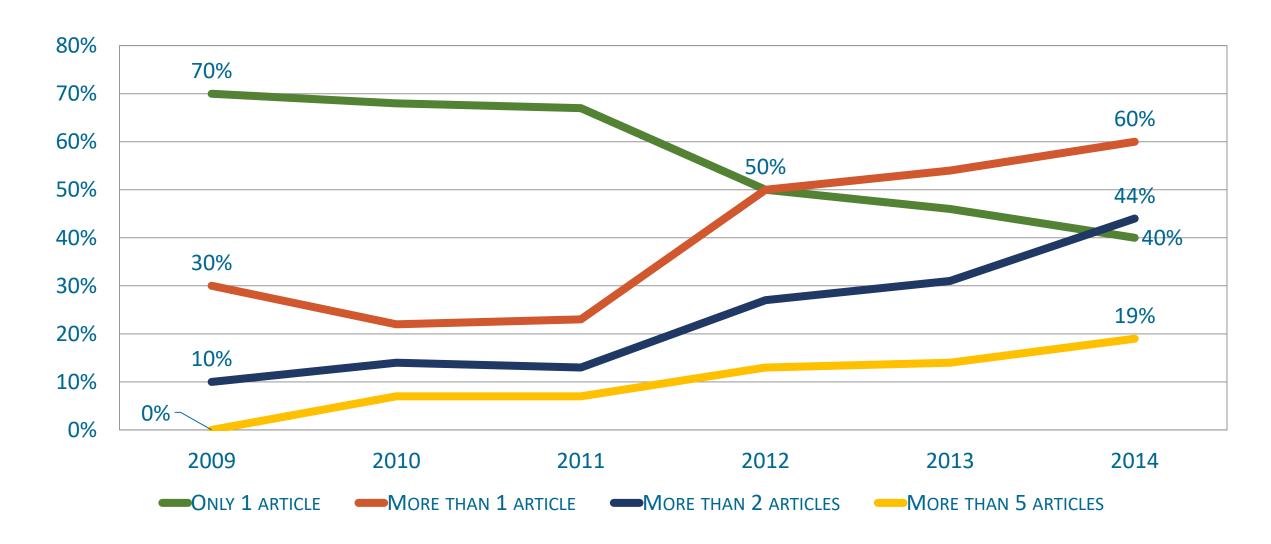
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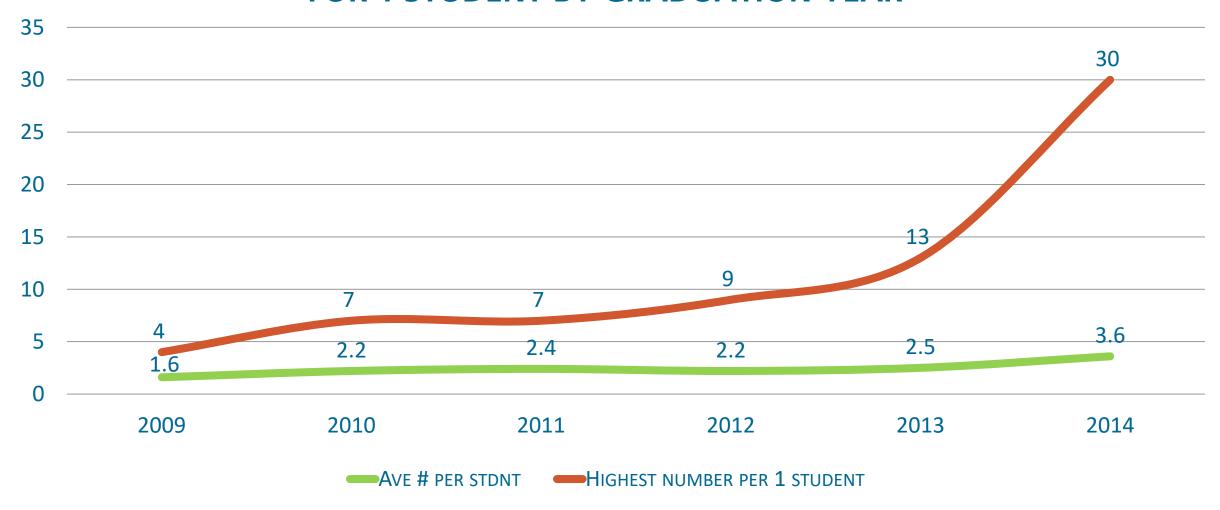
#### PERCENT OF MEDICAL STUDENTS WITH PUBLICATIONS



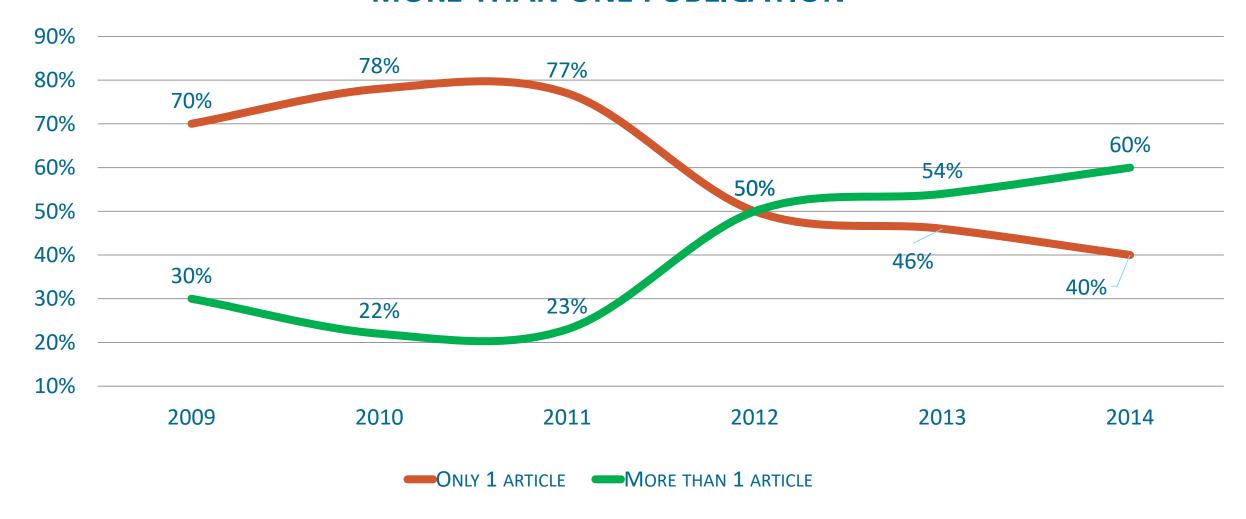
#### **GROWTH IN NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS**



# AVERAGE PUBLICATIONS PER STUDENT AND MAXIMUM NUMBER FOR 1 STUDENT BY GRADUATION YEAR



# PERCENT OF STUDENTS WITH ONE PUBLICATION AND MORE THAN ONE PUBLICATION



## Where Students are Publishing

- 47% of student articles are in journals that deal with both basic and clinical sciences
- 31% of student articles are in clinical sciences journals
- 16% of student articles are in basic sciences journals
- 6% of student articles are in journals that are not biomedical in subject

• 11% of student articles were OA, and that percentage is going up slightly

# **Journal Impact Factor**

	Random Selection of 29 Journals
Subject categories (JCR)	23
Top 10% of IF rank	38% (n=)
Top 25% of IF rank	52%
Top 50% of IF rank	79%
Lower 50% of IF rank	21%

## In Summary

- The rate of papers is increasing from year to year
- More students have 2 or more papers across their years in medical school.
- Residency programs are looking for publications in order to match.
- A wide range of journal titles are chosen over the years.

# **Looking Forward:**

- Provide feedback to the School of Medicine about students' research experiences.
- Inform library services and training for medical students in scholarly communication issues.
- Encourage students to get ORCIDs for future tracking.

## **Future Questions:**

- How do students choose a journal?
- How much influence does the mentor have?
- What are the submission and acceptance rates for students?
- Are there tools and advice the library could offer to assist in the selection of journals?