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Subject: TIME-SENSITIVE: Important change to Cureus peer review coming this week!

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Dear Dr. Oransky,

We're making a major change to the Cureus peer review process on Thursday morning (August 28th), and as a currently pending, invited or in-progress peer reviewer that was suggested by an author, you may be affected. Here are the details:

**What's changing:**

Authors will no longer suggest peer reviewers during the manuscript submission process. Instead, authors will be asked to suggest five colleagues or mentors to serve as Advisers. Advisers will be invited to provide advisory feedback on submitted manuscripts, but Advisers are not considered peer reviewers and will be prompted to submit inline comments only. They will not complete the peer review questionnaire or receive credit for peer review. Submitted advisory feedback will not count towards an article's peer review requirements.

**Why we are making this change:**

Cureus was founded with the goal of breaking down barriers in publication and embracing the medical community of authors and peer reviewers to advance medical knowledge. Mentors and colleagues often have excellent advice and feedback for authors, but should not serve as peer reviewers due to the potential conflict of interest per COPE guidelines.

By replacing author-invited peer reviewers with Advisers, we are empowering authors to seek feedback from colleagues and mentors while also avoiding potential conflicts of interest from peer reviewers.

**How you may be affected:**

Peer reviews by author-suggested reviewers that are not submitted prior to the release will not be counted as formal peer reviews.

If you were suggested by an author and have not yet accepted your invitation or accepted but not yet submitted when this update is released, your review will be converted to advisory feedback when this change goes live later this week.

In order to ensure that you receive credit for your peer review, please complete and submit your peer review prior to Thursday morning. Reviews not submitted prior to the release will not be considered formal peer reviews.

Thank you for continued support and helping ensure your colleagues' research is the best it can be!

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