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## Examining the Influence of the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*: An Empirical Approach

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## ▶ Abstract

**Objective** To empirically examine whether research published in the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology* (*JPP*) guides research both within and outside the field of pediatric psychology. **Methods** Articles published in *JPP* from 2000 to 2004 were evaluated to determine the frequency with which articles in *JPP* from 2000 influenced subsequent research. Citation rates by other journals were also examined. **Results** Articles in *JPP* from 2000 were frequently cited in subsequent research, but authors rarely cited previous research as being instrumental in the development of their study design. Articles in *JPP* from 2000 were also frequently cited by outside journals. Specifically, journals classified as "medical and medical subspecialties" had the highest rates of citing *JPP* articles. **Conclusions** The finding that *JPP* is


cited both within *JPP* and other journals provides further evidence that pediatric psychology is a thriving interdisciplinary field.

**Key words:** citation rates; journal content analyses; *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*; methodology; research impact.

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