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Journal impact factors for 2006

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Sexually Transmitted Infections flies even higher

Impact factors for journals for the year 2006 have recently been published and we are delighted to report that the impact factor for *Sexually Transmitted Infections* has again increased, from 2.668 in 2005, to 3.395 in 2006 (fig 1). *Sexually Transmitted Infections* is now ranked 13th of 47 journals in the category “infectious diseases.” It is now the highest ranked sexually transmitted infections specialty journal in terms of impact factor and has overtaken *Sexually Transmitted Diseases* (table 1). The journal impact factor for 2006 reflects the number of citations in 2006 to papers published in *Sexually Transmitted Infections* in 2004 and 2005.

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Figure 1 Impact factors for *Sexually Transmitted Infections*, 2002–6.

Table 1 Specialty journal impact factors for 2006 (published in 2007)

Journal	Impact factor
<i>Sexually Transmitted Infections</i>	3.395
<i>Sexually Transmitted Diseases</i>	2.577
<i>International Journal of STD & AIDS</i>	1.274

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