Journal Selection

General Factors What journals are publishing in your area? Is your work for generalists or specialists? Read journal masthead Read table of contents Look at your references Where has work been published?

Does Your Article Fall Within the Scope of the Journal?

Specific Factors Prestige factors Quality vs. Quantity (at your institution) Status of refereed journal Professional society association Years in print Impact factor J. Citation Reports: # citations Impact factor (current=2 yr) Current citations /number or articles

Specific Factors cont. ☐ Frequency factors ☐ Publication lag? ← Submit, revise, accept, publish ← National vs. International

Specific Factors cont.

Political/Economic factors

Blind review? Double blind review?

Rejection rate?

'' acceptance rate?

Journals per year?

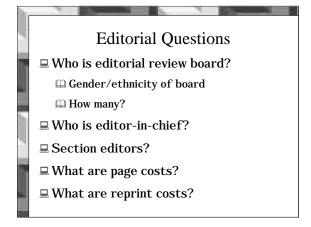
Articles per journal?

Data-based articles?

Review articles? Case studies?

Circulation to libraries and membership

Specific Factors cont. Immediacy index How quickly article is cited Hof current citations/# articles (that yr) Publisher Private vs. professional society Indexed by? (Information retrieval) Abstracted by?



Journal Citation Reports

□ Rank, evaluate, categorize, compare
□ Ranks journals by articles published
□ Ranks journals by # of citations
□ Provides immediacy index
□ Provides impact factor

Success in publication takes time, perseverance, and self-discipline.