The University of South Florida (USF) appoints permanent faculty with the expectation that such faculty will attain promotion and, for tenure line faculty, earn tenure. Often, the criteria for achieving success involves the production and dissemination of high-quality scholarly research. Faculty should look to their departmental leadership, tenure and promotion committees, and beyond for early help in discerning which publication channels are appropriate and legitimate for their scholarship. Department leadership, tenure and promotion committees at all levels, and administrators who play a role in faculty assessment should likewise take reasonable steps to become familiar with which publication channels are appropriate and legitimate for the scholarship of those they assess.

To fulfill these responsibilities, faculty and administration should be knowledgeable of resources that can assist in evaluating the credentials and legitimacy of journals and publishers. With the advent of online avenues for publication, academic publication practices have evolved, and continue to evolve, at an exceptionally high rate of speed. One outcome of this evolution is the emergence of questionable, often called

Some questionable journals have even listed prominent academics as members of editorial boards without their knowledge.

Questionable publishers have been known to spam researchers, solicit manuscript submissions without

3. International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) Recommendations for the Conduct, Reporting, Editing, and Publication of Scholarly Work in Medical Journals - http://www.icmje.org/icmje-recommendations.pdf

4. NIH Statement on Article Publication Resulting from NIH Funded Research - https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-011.html

5. Open Access Publishing (USF Libraries) - http://www.lib.usf.edu/scholarly-research-and-communication/open-access-publishing/

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7. Think Check Submit - https://thinkchecksubmit.org/

8. Overview of Journal Indexes and Aggregators (U Michigan) - http://wiki.publishing.umich.edu/Overview_of_Journal_Indexes_and_Aggregators

9. Stony Brook Guide to Legitimate Journals & Publishers - http://library.stonybrook.edu/scholarly-communication/know-journal-legitimate/

10. USF Faculty Senate Publications Council – contact the current chair listed at http://guides.lib.usf.edu/c.php?g=8yETQ EMC /Span ÆMC ñBT/F1 11.04 Tf/F1 11u/scholarlr5Hhttps://thinkchecksub3¨