

# Writing for Publication

## Stages of Writing a Publishable Paper/Article

Plan	Review	Organize	Write in Sections	Submit	Revise
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose a topic</li> <li>Select a target journal and secure "Author Guidelines"</li> <li>Select a sample article</li> <li>Prepare a mind-map of proposed article</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct literature search using MeSH<sup>1</sup> terms or headings in mind-map</li> <li>Read &amp; critique articles</li> <li>Synthesize articles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize mind-map into "outline" for paper</li> <li>Add selected articles into a reference list or program</li> <li>Prepare citations &amp; references per guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction</li> <li>Purpose/Aim</li> <li>Significance</li> <li>Define terms</li> <li>Framework</li> <li>ROL<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Methods</li> <li>Findings</li> <li>Limitations</li> <li>Conclusions</li> <li>Implications for Practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow Author Guidelines exactly</li> <li>Save each section (title page, abstract, manuscript) in a separate file</li> <li>Prepare CTA<sup>3</sup> and save in a file</li> <li>Submit as instructed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider comments of reviewer(s)</li> <li>Edit paper and list changes made per reviewer comments</li> <li>Resubmit per editor's instructions</li> </ul>

### Publishable Papers

- Letters to the Editor
- Research papers
- Theory papers
- Systematic Reviews of the Literature
- Review of the literature
- Case Studies

### Helpful Hints for Successful Submissions:

- Select an innovative, cutting edge, relevant topic; make certain your topic has not been recently published
- Select the BEST journal for your topic
- Read previously published articles and abstracts from your targeted journal for formatting ideas
- Write an attention grabbing title
- Precisely follow author guidelines for the article & abstract and for submission process
- Check grammar, spelling, readability – make it easy for the reader to follow the story

### Writing the Abstract

- Follow word & style guidelines
- Use prescribed headings if available; review published papers & abstracts similar to yours
- Keywords – provide key words MeSH terms or phrases that ensure easy searching of on-line databases

### Article Checklist

- Is the title clear, descriptive, innovative?
- Is the abstract clear, concise & within word limits?
- Are acronyms/abbreviations defined?
- Is the manuscript free from grammar, spelling errors, and awkward sentence structure?
- Are the guidelines such as word count, page limit, headings, and citation/referencing style followed?
- Have you completed the CTA & saved into a file?

1. MeSH Terms = Medical Subject Headings  
2. ROL = review of the literature  
3. CTA = copyright transfer agreement

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