

## Publication Tips for Your Research

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Publishing your work is the final step of your research; but an essential step for the ongoing education of the nursing profession, as well as for specialty practices. This step is easier if you are aware of the preparation requirements and the process for publication. Below are some tips for publication:

- ✓ Prior to submission, have a mentor review your manuscript for writing skills and clarity of the subject content. This initial feedback will allow for changes and clarification prior to submission to the journal.
- ✓ Identify the appropriate journal in which your manuscript would be most applicable to the reader. Many times a manuscript can be applicable to the general breath of nursing knowledge; or, it may be more specific to a specialty practice (i.e. a perianesthesia practice or topic could be submitted to the Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing). Therefore, find the appropriate audience for your manuscript.
- ✓ Complete a literature search regarding recent published articles on your topic in the specific journal you are interested in submitting your manuscript (i.e JOPAN). Also, submit a query letter to the journal before writing your manuscript to describe your idea to the co-authors of the journal. This information and feedback will be useful beforehand.
- ✓ Be familiar with the journal's style and format prior to submitting your manuscript.
- ✓ Remember you can only submit to one journal at a time. Therefore, choose the most appropriate journal related to your manuscript.
- ✓ Review required material guidelines each journal has for submission of a manuscript. This includes such things as spacing, size of paper, documentation of references, etc. Criteria are specific to each journal. Please refer to the Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing's (JOPAN) homepage at: [www.jopan.org](http://www.jopan.org) and visit the Information for Contributors. It provides the specific guidelines for submission of a manuscript to the Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing which include:
  - Preparing the Manuscript
  - Citing References within the Text
  - References
  - Illustrations and Tables
  - Submitting the Manuscript
  - Conflict-of-Interest Policy
  - Peer Review
  - Proofreading
  - Reprints
  - Copyrighting
  - Checklist for Submitting Manuscripts
- ✓ Inquire about the average response time for feedback on your manuscript after submission.
- ✓ Recognize most manuscripts get returned with recommendations for revisions to be completed. If revisions are needed, please take the time to make them and resubmit to the journal for publication! Your work is important to the nursing profession.