



## INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS AND PUBLICATION POLICIES

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIFIC SECTIONS

#### Regular article categories

**Editorials.** Articles about scientific issues or expressing opinions. Editorials may offer commentaries on original articles published in the same issue of the journal or discuss controversial subjects or areas witnessing important developments. These articles, which are commissioned by the Editorial Board, have a maximum of 1200 words (including 1 table or figure), 15 references, and 2 authors.

**Original articles.** Reports of original basic, epidemiologic, clinical, or technical research that may be analytical or longitudinal. An original article should include the following sections: structured abstract (not exceeding 250 words), introduction, methods, results, discussion, and references. It should have a maximum of 3000 words (excluding the abstract and references), no more than 6 tables and/or figures and 30 references, and a maximum of 6 authors. (Cooperative multicenter studies are exceptions to this last rule.)

The reporting of longitudinal observational studies (cohort or case-control designs) and cross-sectional studies should follow the STROBE guidelines (for Strengthening the Reporting of Observational studies in Epidemiology), available from <http://www.strobe-statement.org>.

Research on risk prediction models should adhere to the TRIPOD statement (Transparent Reporting of a Multivariable Prediction Model for Individual Prognosis or Diagnosis) available from <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25560730>.

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**Letters to the Editor.** Letters commenting on articles that appeared recently in EMERGENCIAS will have preference. Such letters should offer arguments that support and clarify aspects of the published article or call them into question. Letters may also express authors' opinions, describe unusual experiences, or discuss exceptional clinical observations. Manuscripts should be no more than 500 words long and may contain a maximum of 1 table or figure and 15 references. If the letter refers to an article that was recently published in the journal, it will be sent to the corresponding author of that paper so that the authors can exercise their right to reply.

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**Wide angle.** This section contains striking personal narratives about the practice of emergency medicine. These contributions differ from those of the preceding section because they attempt to provide the patient's point of view as well as the professional's. Or they might present the professional as patient or reflect on the views of others on staff in emergency care settings. This type of article can be organized in sections and conclusions might be drawn. Manuscripts of varying length can be considered, but submissions should have no more than 2500 words, 4 tables or figures, and 10 references (if necessary). Up to 4 authors may be named. No particular structure need be followed. Nor is an abstract required.

**Historical notes.** Submissions of interest will treat the history of emergency medicine, equipment or other material used in providing emergency care, or the organization of emergency health services over time – in fact the history of any aspect of emergency care is a candidate topic. The larger historical context might be alluded to if it aids comprehension. Likewise, the historical context of the health care system or any other information that complements the main topic might be relevant if it will be helpful to the reader. Length should not exceed 2500 words. A maximum of 4 tables or figures, and 10 references (if necessary) will be allowed. Up to 4 authors may sign the manuscript. No particular structure need be followed and the author is free to divide the article into helpful subsections. No abstract is required.

#### **MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION: FORMAL REQUIREMENTS**

Manuscripts should be formatted for DIN A4 paper, be double spaced in 12-point type, have wide margins, and comply with the maximum number of words allowed for the article type.

Pages should be numbered in the upper right corner. We recommend using the past tense to report findings, avoiding the passive voice when possible (for example, using first-person plural instead), and writing in a generally formal style.

The following recommendations are made in the interest of maintaining uniformity of style in the journal. Adherence to these recommendations will make it easier for us to review and process a manuscript and favor its acceptance.

**Abbreviations.** Only abbreviations that are common in emergency medicine should be used. Abbreviations should be avoided in titles and abstracts. Expand the abbreviation the first time it appears in

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- Authors may also indicate whether a study has been previously presented at a scientific conference or similar meeting and whether it has obtained any award or special mention.

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The introduction (started on a new page) should be brief and aim to provide the reader with up-to-date background information on the topic of the research. A historical review is not necessary; only strictly necessary references should be cited. If a systematic search of the literature was conducted, the strategy used (search terms, period of time covered, and search date) should be described. The introduction should conclude with the hypothesis, or the reason why the research was carried out, and the aim.

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