

Author Submission Guidelines

Journal of healthcare risk management

Overview

The *Journal of Healthcare Risk Management* (JHRM) is published quarterly by the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM). The purpose of the Journal is to publish original research, trends and new developments in the field of healthcare risk management with the ultimate goal of advancing safe and trusted patient-centered healthcare delivery and promoting proactive and innovative management of organization-wide risk. The Journal is distributed to over 6,000 members of ASHRM.

The *Journal of Healthcare Risk Management* seeks articles that will help risk managers improve their professional performance. The Journal focuses on insightful, peer-reviewed content that relates to patient safety, insurance, legal, leadership, and other timely healthcare risk management issues.

Areas of particular interest include:

- Patient safety
- Risk financing/insurance
- Enterprise risk management
- Leadership
- Healthcare risk management
- Ethics in patient care
- Health information management
- Organizational staffing
- Emergency management
- Occupational and environmental health
- Performance improvement
- Clinical crisis management
- Medication safety
- Risk management information systems

The Publication Process

Previous publication.

Submissions must be original work and not previously published, or under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Abstract or manuscript submission.

Abstracts are required and must be submitted within the body of the article. Brief author bios are so required. [Click here](#) for an example. Although the Journal accepts complete articles for review, authors also are encouraged to submit a brief abstract and outline describing the subject and purpose of the article. (If you have written an article, you may submit the manuscript in addition to an abstract). Articles and abstracts should be submitted electronically to:

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Initial evaluation and feedback by the editorial review board.

The submission will be reviewed by members of the JHRM Editorial Review Board (also members of ASHRM). Following review, the author(s) will be advised of the Board's decision. If an abstract is approved, the author(s) will be asked to submit a manuscript for review.

Subsequent evaluation and feedback.

Following initial evaluation, the author(s) may be asked to revise the manuscript. The Editorial Review Board will review the submission and may offer suggestions to help authors focus on the needs and interests of readers. All manuscripts accepted for publication in the Journal are subject to review and editing by the Editorial Review Board and the publisher (John Wiley & Sons, Inc.).

Copyright Transfer Agreement.

If and when articles are accepted for publication, each author is required to sign a [Copyright Transfer Agreement](#) and submit to the publisher.

Manuscript guidelines.

Manuscripts should be double-spaced, excluding references charts and figures, and must:

- Include an abstract and brief author bios.
- Address issues specifically for healthcare risk managers
- Present new information or add a new slant to existing literature
- Be research-based or process-based
- Be technically accurate
- Ideally be 3,500 to 7,000 words in length
- Adhere to American Medical Association (AMA) style guidelines

Cover letter.

Submissions should be accompanied by a cover letter including a brief biographical sketch of the author(s) including names (in the order they are to appear), titles, affiliations and locations, along with complete contact information for each author (address, phone, fax and email address).

References.

All references and statements of fact should adhere to American Medical Association (AMA) style and be listed numerically, in order of appearance, at the end of every article. In the text, citations should be numbered consecutively by the corresponding number in parentheses. Abbreviations of journal titles should follow those used in Index Medicus.

References should conform to the following style:

Journal Articles: 1. Brennan TA, Leape LL, Laird N, Hebert L, Localio AR, Lawthers AG. Incidence of adverse events and negligence in hospitalized patients: Results of the Harvard Medical Practice Study I. *N Engl J Med.* 1991;324:377-384.

Books: 2. Aspden P, Corrigan JM, Wolcott J, Erickson SM. *Patient safety: Achieving a new standard of care.* Washington, DC: National Academies Press; 2004.

Journal Articles on the Internet: 3. Wilson JS, Miller JB, O'Neil MW. Crossing the quality chasm: A new health system for the 21st century. *Am Psychol.* 1992;48(6):650-672. <http://www.aopa.org/journals/wilson.html>. Accessed April 12, 2002.

See “[Author Submission Checklist](#)” as a guide.

All manuscripts undergo a thorough review process and the Journal Editorial Board does not guarantee that a submission will be published. During this process, all authors are obliged to refrain from distributing their submission to others.

Publication dates and due dates for drafts and final submission for 2014-2015 are as follows (dates are approximate):

Publication Deadlines (2015/2016)

2015 Deadlines	First draft	Final manuscript	Publication
Q1	August 9, 2014	September 9, 2014	January 2015
Q2	November 9, 2014	December 9, 2014	April 2015
Q3	February 17, 2015	March 17, 2015	July 2015
Q4	May 5, 2015	June 5, 2015	October 2015
2016 Deadlines	First draft	Final manuscript	Publication
Q1	August 8, 2015	September 9, 2015	January 2016
Q2	November 9, 2015	December 9, 2015	April 2016
Q3	February 17, 2016	March 17, 2016	July 2016
Q4	May 5, 2016	June 5, 2016	October 2016

Author Submission Checklist

Date: _____

Author name(s): _____

Main contact email: _____

Main contact telephone: _____

The following are attached:

_____ Cover letter (including a brief biographical sketch of the author(s) including names, titles, affiliations and locations)

AND

_____ Abstract/outline

OR

_____ Draft manuscript

Main topic area for abstract or manuscript topic [from list* below]: _____

Please confirm:

_____ This work not previously published, or under consideration for publication elsewhere

_____ Manuscript is double-spaced, excluding references charts and figures

_____ All references adhere to American Medical Association (AMA) style

_____ All authors are aware they will be required to sign a Copyright Transfer Agreement

_____ Abstract and author bios are included

*Topic areas:

- Patient safety
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