

Formatting Guide for Editorials and Opinion Pieces

Mandatory formatting requirements

- **Compliance with limitations for word count, references and figures**
 - **3,000 words (longer by negotiation with the editors; no restrictions on the Opinion Piece published each year for World Kidney Day)**
 - **20 references maximum**
 - **1-2 figure or table maximum**
- **Non-declarative title that includes the words ‘editorial’ or ‘opinion piece’**
- **No abstract**
- **Narrative body, subheadings permitted**

Overview

We commission editorials and consider publishing unsolicited opinion pieces. Consider corresponding with the editors before writing an unsolicited piece; we require a rigorous and evidence-based approach. This publication type is to facilitate dissemination of commentary, interpretation and opinion. It may be controversial. If commissioned by the journal, it will be published as an Editorial, if unsolicited, as an Opinion Piece.

The body of the work may be structured or unstructured, at the author’s discretion.

Title Page

The title page should:

- Present a title that includes the study type e.g.:
 - "Canada should consider policy X in Y: Editorial", "Public funding of Z in M would reduce T: opinion piece"
- List the full names, institutional addresses and email addresses for all authors
 - if a collaboration group should be listed as an author, please list the Group name as an author. If you would like the names of the individual members of the Group to be searchable through their individual PubMed records, please include this information in the “Acknowledgements” section in accordance with the instructions below
- Indicate the corresponding author

No Abstract

Keywords

Five keywords representing the main content of the article.

Body

There is no specific structure for this manuscript type. Construct a logical argument and feel free to use headings and subheadings if it will clarify the flow of thought.