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2 What kind of article do you want to write?

Feature Articles (2-5,000 words) Feature articles should be between 2,000 and 5,000 words in length (4-5 pages of A4 12 font) and use summary boxes, flow charts, tables and pictures to illustrate the text and highlight the most important points for the readers.

Feature articles aimed at GPs in training: It is important they are easy to read, give the AiTs a strategy for dealing with problems/situations that they might encounter during the course of their work in primary care, provide an accurate and full knowledge base on the topic, and are closely linked to the GP curriculum.

Short Articles (Max 1,600 words) Short articles include reports from conferences, reflections from an excellent teaching experience, reviews of art exhibitions relevant to GP trainees or an interesting anecdote from the history of medicine. We welcome articles from overseas trainees, typically short articles about some aspect of training in another country that may be of interest to readers.

Unlike more traditional scientific journals, *InnovAiT* is keen to hear a little bit about the people writing the articles. For example, if you are writing about a conference you attended, it would be good to know why you chose the conference, perhaps letting readers know a little bit about where you work and how it relates to your current point in training. Such details are particularly important if you are going to write about an interesting time that you have had away from medicine, e.g. doing volunteer work.

Audit Reports (2,000 words) Audit is an important part of modern clinical care. It is a way of ensuring that standards are maintained and provides a platform for discussions within practices that might lead to further work locally. A template is available in the main author guidelines to help you structure your audit report.

You can find out Author Guidelines by visiting ino.sagepub.com and clicking on 'Submit Paper'

Case Studies (800 words) Case Studies are an excellent way to share an interesting case with fellow trainees. We are happy to accept both real and fictional case studies. Cases involving a real person require written permission from the patient – more information can be found in the main author guidelines.

What's This? (2-500 words) Detailing interesting cases in practices, patient complaints etc, with imagery.

10 Minutes (90-250 words) Help others learn from your difficult clinical scenarios. Each scenario should include questions that can form discussion points.

Book Reviews The editors of *InnovAiT* are pleased to receive book reviews. A handy template can be found in the main author guidelines for book review submissions.

TOP TIPS

Plagiarism All articles submitted to *InnovAiT* are run through plagiarism software. We often come across suspected plagiarism in manuscripts where it turns out the author simply didn't realise what they had done was incorrect.

If you are using someone else's words or images, make sure you're appropriately referencing them. Any questions should be directed to Margaret at the Editorial Office:
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Submission All papers should be submitted via the online system SAGE Track: mc.manuscriptcentral.com/innovait

What happens next? Once you've submitted your paper, it will go out for peer review. Amongst other things the reviewers are looking for accuracy of information and quality of writing. *InnovAiT* operates a strictly anonymous peer review process in which the reviewer's name is withheld from the author and, the author's name from the reviewer. Each manuscript is reviewed by at least two referees. All manuscripts are reviewed as rapidly as possible, and an editorial decision is generally reached within 4-6 weeks of submission.

Don't be disheartened... It is not unusual for papers to be sent back to the authors for one or two rounds of revision, so don't be disheartened. We appreciate that for many of our authors this is the first time they have written a paper, so our reviewers are here to help get the best out of you.

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