

Research Articles

Word count: 3,000 words (excluding abstract and references)

Abstract: Limit to 175 words

References: Limit to 50

Tables & Figures: Limit to 4

Research articles should present original research that describes outcomes, processes, or applications that enhance the patient experience. A range of methods, including qualitative research, quantitative research, and experimental studies are accepted. Papers should include a title page, an abstract, introduction, methodology, results, discussion, and conclusion sections.

Abstract: A structured abstract limited to 175 words should be provided and include the following subheadings: Background, Objective, Method, Results, and Conclusion.

Introduction: The introduction should include the purpose of the paper, a short, relevant literature review, and a clear statement about the aim of the paper.

Method: Provide enough information to allow replication of the procedures used. Reasons for selection of methods should also be included in this section. Include sample sizes, mode of observations and procedures. Methods already published should be referenced.

Results: Include text, figures, tables or other graphics. Do not duplicate data presented in tables within the text.

Discussion: Explore practical or theoretical implications of your findings. Avoid extensive citations and discussion of published literature. Report whether the hypothesis was supported or rejected. Acknowledge limitations under a separate sub-heading.

Conclusion: Your conclusions should be directly supported by the data that you present. Avoid making generalized conclusions that have not been substantiated by your research.

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