

Special Interest

Please review the following before submission:

1. Is this your story?

We prefer submissions that reflect upon personal experiences that may include yourself, your family, patients or friends.

2. Has the submission been published, or is it under consideration elsewhere?

We only consider original works, not previously published or under consideration elsewhere. This includes versions in books, blogs, websites, print, newsletters, journals, etc.

3. What is the purpose or goal of your piece?

While submissions may describe challenging or inspiring experiences, what is the insight or action for hospitals or healthcare professionals who want to improve future patient experiences or relationships? Make sure the insight you're sharing is a clear part of your piece. Submissions should not focus on complaints about or recommendations for specific healthcare organizations, providers or treatment modalities.

Style:

We want to hear your story, so let your own voice shine through.

Use active voice for the majority of your sentences. This is usually clearer, more engaging and, will prevent sentences from becoming too complicated or wordy. Example:

Active: Researchers earlier showed that high stress can cause heart attacks.

Passive: It was earlier demonstrated that heart attacks can be caused by high stress.

4. Authors may choose to publish anonymously.

5. If using identifiable patient information for someone other than you, you must provide consent or change names and characteristics. Do we want to add: Even if you are using another name for a friend or family member, it is still ideal to get their permission.

6. Include a title page for your submission but do not include an abstract.

7. Word limits:

Narratives, essays and other articles: No longer than 1,500 words.

Poems: No more than 400 words.

8. Images:

JPE publishes original art on every cover. Please reference cover art guidelines.

If you have questions about whether your piece is appropriate for the journal before submission or if you need assistance, please provide a brief summary and 2-3 sentences that describe why you want to share your story to: journal@patient-experience.org. Once you have reviewed these guidelines, [please continue reading the full author guidelines](#), then visit the Journal's submission site to upload your manuscript. Please note that manuscripts that do not conform to guidelines may be returned. We will respond to your submission within six to eight weeks.