

Nephrology Nursing Journal

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***Nephrology Nursing Journal* Guidelines for Authors**

Detailed Guidelines for Manuscripts and Submissions

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The following detailed guidelines are provided for various types of articles. Average lengths of manuscripts are indicated; however, authors should use the length necessary for the manuscript to be complete as well as concise.

General Articles. General articles include those non-research articles that describe issues relative to the care of nephrology patients and to the practice of nephrology nursing. The length of a general article manuscript is usually 14-18 pages. Such articles include, but not be limited to:

- Title page.
- Author and general information page.
- Abstract. A succinct and concise abstract of 50-75 words.
- Introduction.
- Body of paper.
- Summary/discussion/implications for nephrology nurses.
- Reference list.
- Tables, figures.

Physiology Reviews. The *Nephrology Nursing Journal* is interested in publishing renal physiology articles as well as articles on the physiology of other systems which may be relevant in the care of patients with CKD. Many topics appropriate for such an article are also appropriate for CE credit. The average length of a manuscript is 14-18 double-spaced, typewritten pages. Schematic diagrams and figures should be used as appropriate to demonstrate the physiologic concepts being explained. The article should include, but not be limited to:

- Title page.
- Author and general information page.
- Abstract. A succinct and concise abstract of 50-75 words.
- Introduction.
- Body of paper.
- Summary/discussion/implications for nephrology nurses.
- Reference list.
- Tables, figures.

Pathophysiology and disease management articles. Articles on pathophysiology and disease management should be 14-18 double-spaced, typewritten pages and should include, but not be limited to:

- Title page.
- Author and general information page.
- Abstract. A succinct and concise abstract of 50-75 words.
- Introduction.
- Body of paper.
 - The first section should describe the condition and its symptoms, including the major complaints and symptoms experienced by patients with renal insufficiency or renal failure.
 - The second section should describe what is known about the pathophysiology of the condition. This section should be referenced appropriately, but need not be a full literature review; cite the best and most complete references on the subject.
 - The next section should describe the current treatments for the condition and should relate the treatment to the pathophysiology, that is, explain why the treatment should alleviate the symptoms/condition.

- The last section should describe any nursing interventions that are key to alleviating the symptoms/condition.
- Summary/discussion/implications for nephrology nurses.
- Reference list.
- Tables, figures.

Research and/or literature reviews. The purpose of a research and/or literature review article is to provide nephrology nurses with information regarding a specific area of research or practice. Objectives include summarizing the research and/or literature in a particular area, identifying possible applications as well as limitations of the research and/or literature, and discussing the implications for nephrology nursing practice. Summary tables highlighting relevant research studies and/or literature are encouraged. The manuscripts should be approximately 12-14 double-spaced, typewritten pages and include, but not be limited to:

- Title page.
- Author and general information page.
- Abstract. A succinct and concise abstract of 50-75 words.
- Introduction.
- Review of research/literature.
- Summary/discussion/implications for nephrology nurses.
- Reference list.
- Tables, figures.

Research Briefs. Brief reports on studies will be accepted when findings are preliminary but of interest to the nephrology nursing community (i.e., pilots, instrument testing, or small sample size). Include a cover letter with a statement on the importance of sharing the work as a brief. Verify that the study was approved by an ethical review board and that informed consent was given by the subjects (if applicable).

The manuscript should be 5-7 double-spaced, typewritten pages and include, but not be limited to

- Title page.
- Author and general information page.
- Abstract. A succinct and concise abstract of 50-75 words including the research question(s), design, sample/setting, methods, results, and conclusion(s)
- Introduction of 1-2 paragraphs.
- Methods section of 1-2 paragraphs.
- Results with one to two graphics or figures.
- Discussion ending with recommendations.
- Summary/discussion/implications for nephrology nurses.
- Reference list – generally limited to no more than 15 references.
- Tables, figures.

Research articles. Articles reporting the results of research studies are encouraged. The article should be 14-18 double-spaced typed pages and should thoroughly describe the purpose of the study, how the study was conducted, how the data was analyzed, the results, and the implications for nephrology nurses. It should include, but not be limited to:

- Title page.
- Author and general information page.
- Abstract. A succinct and concise abstract of 100-150 words including the purposes of the study, major findings, and the conclusions.
- Introduction.
- Methods. Include information on protection of human subjects and how informed consent was obtained.
- Statistics.
- Results.
- Discussion ending with recommendations.
- Summary/discussion/implications for nephrology nurses.
- Reference list.
- Tables, figures.

Continuing Education (CE) Articles

The *Nephrology Nursing Journal* is a key resource for continuing education. Educational manuscripts accepted for publication may be published as continuing education offerings in the *Nephrology Nursing Journal*. Authors of CE articles may choose to do the CE preparation or the CE preparation can be done by the *Nephrology Nursing Journal*. Authors of published articles can apply for 5 Category C contact hours toward CNN and/or CDN recertification.

CE Author Requirements (All CE manuscripts).

- Complete the biographical statement form provided (or send a copy of your CV) upon manuscript submission or when requested if the manuscript was not originally submitted as a CE article.
- Follow suggested manuscript format.
- The length of the manuscript should be sufficient to comprehensively cover the topic – generally 10-20 double-spaced typewritten pages

For additional information concerning Continuing Education manuscripts, including guidelines on how to write goals and objectives along with posttest questions, please contact:

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