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- Editorials and Topics
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- All articles should pertain to *JPCRR*'s mission statement.
- Conclusion: You need not reiterate what is described in the categories "Results" and "Discussion." However, each manuscript must have a conclusion that includes a final summative statement and explanation of how the content of the manuscript and/or results of the study would potentially benefit the care of a patient.

We accept articles in the following categories:

Original Research

- Content: Original research from diverse perspectives – clinical, biomedical, behavioral and social sciences – are of primary interest. Original and novel manuscripts will receive priority for publication. We accept animal research and negative results articles.
- Format: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion.
- Length: Maximum 4,000 words.
- Abstract: No more than 250 words. Structured with paragraphs labeled: Purpose, Methods, Results, Conclusion.

Systematic Review

- Content: A critical assessment and evaluation of all relevant research studies that address a particular clinical issue. Systematic reviews should include a description of the findings of the collection of research studies and a meta-analysis (if applicable).
- Format: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion.
- Length: Maximum of 4,000 words.
- Abstract: No more than 250 words. Structured with paragraphs labeled: Purpose, Methods, Results, Conclusion.

Narrative Review

- Content: A review and synopsis of pertinent, current (and historical when appropriate) literature on a specific topic. Selected literature should provide a fair representation of the current literature.
- Format: Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion.
- Length: Maximum of 4,000 words.
- Abstract: No more than 250 words. Unstructured.

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- Content: Concurrent scholarly opinion piece in which the author discusses a specific topic or article in the journal, contributing to basic and applied health and medical care. You must be invited to write this particular type of editorial. We do not accept letters to the editor.
- Length: Maximum of 2,000 words.
- Abstract: No more than 250 words. Unstructured.

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- Content: Scholarly opinion piece or evidence-based synopsis that discusses pertinent issues pertaining to basic and applied health and medical care. These do not necessarily refer to a particular article published in the journal. You may write this type of editorial or synopsis without an invitation.
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Content: This category is reserved for manuscripts that do not adhere to the other categories, yet significantly contribute to medical knowledge, intellectual discussion and patient-centered health.

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- Content: Articles pertaining to specific topics of medical education that do not otherwise fit into previously mentioned categories.
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- Content: Any form of creative writing (essays, poems, short stories, etc.) pertaining to his/her experience or interaction with a patient or groups of patients. People of all health care disciplines are welcome to submit. We will only accept writing from health care professionals for this section. (See “From the Other Side of the Table” section).
- Length: Maximum of 2,000 words for essays, 900 words for poems, and 4,000 words for short stories.
- Abstract: No more than 150 words. Unstructured for all essays except for poems, which should not include abstracts.

4. From the Other Side of the Table

- Content: Clinical authors may submit essays from the patient’s perspective either because they were a patient or a loved one was a patient. Alternatively, patients who are not health care workers also may submit.
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