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Instructions to Authors

JIMSA is a multispecialty medical journal that aims to promote interdisciplinary dialogue. We accept manuscripts that may interest physicians researchers, health care workers and postgraduate students in diverse specialties of medical science. Highly technical manuscripts will be suitable for narrow-field specialty journals but not JIMSA. Announcement of breakthrough discoveries, summary of current status, eye-openers and technical innovations are the types of manuscripts that we look for publication. Besides educating our readers we also intend to entertain them by publishing poetry, photographs, essays, paintings, memoires, historical vignettes, opinions and criticisms that are pertinent to medical science and its practice.

We accept manuscripts various forms to suit different themes. They include:

Original Articles

It is suitable for reporting research findings. It should be less than 3000 words and may contain up to 6 illustrations and 40 references. Suggested components of the text include.

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It is critical summary of a currently relevant issue in medical science or of a rare entity. The article should not read like a textbook chapter. Preferably it should critically analyze diverse views, and synthesize opinions.

Case Reports

It suitable to report novel methods employed in diagnosis or management of a single patient or a small group of patients not exceeding 5. Rarities when reported should aim to serve as eye-openers.

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It is suitable to comment on a published article. Such letters should be received within 3 months of publication of the concerned article. However, authors may write anything to the editor that may be of interest to the readers.

Editorial

It is usually the prerogative of the editor. However, anyone may submit unsolicited thought provoking editorials.

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It is suitable to illustrate a rare or important aspect of medical practice.

Clinical and radiological images are appropriate. However, photographs capturing extraordinary human emotions pertinent to Heath care will also be occasionally considered.

Pictorial Essay

It is suitable to tell a story with a series of pictures.

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It is suitable to describe as to how an existing method is modified by the author with improved outcome.

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It is suitable to report a new method developed by the author.

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It is suitable to report findings of animal, cellular or molecular biology experiments that may of relevance to clinical practice.

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It is suitable to discuss issues pertinent to medical research and its methodology.

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It is suitable to discuss issues related to medical education and training.

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