

Author Guidelines and Submissions for the Journal of OB/GYN Hospital Medicine

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Mission

The Journal of OB/GYN Hospital Medicine will educate and elevate the OB/GYN hospitalist as an integral part of the healthcare team promoting excellence in women's healthcare. The journal will serve as a resource for OB/GYN hospitalists, as well as other clinicians and administrators who help provide obstetrical or gynecological care in the inpatient or acute care settings.

Readership and Authorship

Readers of the journal will include OB/GYN hospitalists in academic and non-academic settings, nurses, nurse practitioners, midwives, and physicians who are involved in OBGYN care. This can include specialties outside of general OB/GYN, including maternal fetal medicine, emergency medicine, critical care medicine, anesthesia, and internal medicine. It also includes hospital administrators and leadership. Manuscripts can be submitted from any clinician or administrator who has a role in OB/GYN care in the inpatient or acute care setting.

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Manuscript Types & Requirements for the Journal of OB/GYN Hospital Medicine

Original Research

Original research submission can include randomized controlled clinical trials, prospective studies, surveys, evaluation of diagnostic tests, observational studies, or qualitative comparisons. Please note that guidelines for review manuscripts are listed in a separate section.

Abstract: 300 words maximum

Word Count: 5,000 word maximum not including the abstract and references

Figures and Tables: 5 total figures or tables maximum

References: 50 maximum. References must be cited in the article.

Case Reports

Case reports should include a description of a single case or a small number of related cases, followed by a discussion including clinical pearls and applications for clinicians working in the inpatient or acute care obstetrics and / or gynecology.

Abstract: 200 words maximum

Word Count: 1,500 words maximum, not including abstract or references

Tables and Figures: No more than 3 total tables and figures

References: No more than 15 references. All references should be cited in the article.

Articles Providing Guidance in OB/GYN Hospital Medicine

These articles can be on a wide variety of topics that affect women's health in the inpatient and acute care setting, as well as the clinicians that care for them. They should be organized with an abstract, body, and references. Possible topics are included below but are not limited to this list. These may have a more narrative style than a traditional research article and are meant to provide guidance to clinicians in OB/GYN acute care. Although not required, feel free to contact us if you would like to review a possible idea with us.

- Quality improvement initiatives including how-to articles and outcome articles
- Leadership development
- Teamwork development in the healthcare setting
- Medical malpractice tips and risk reduction
- Financial considerations affecting inpatient and acute care in OB/GYN
- Healthcare law and policy
- Public health initiatives
- Technology
- Communication
- Career development

Abstract: Include a short summary paragraph of 300 words or less.

Word Count: 2,000 words maximum, excluding abstract and references.

References: 5 maximum

Tables and Figures: 4 total tables or figures maximum

Authors: No more than 4 authors.

Reviews

Reviews include meta-analyses, broad systemic reviews, and best-practice reviews on clinical topics in OBGYN inpatient and acute care medicine.

Abstract: 300 words maximum

Word Count: 5,000 words maximum

References: 50 references maximum and each reference should be cited in the article

Tables and Figures: 5 total figures or tables maximum

Letters to the Editor

Abstract: None

Word Count: 200 words maximum

References: 3 maximum

Tables and Figures: None

Submission Details Applicable to all Manuscripts

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Ethical Conduct for All Research Studies

All research that involves human participants must be approved by the appropriate institutional review board (IRB) or be consistent with the Declaration of Helsinki published in JAMA 1997; 277:925-6. If the study was exempt, the authors must provide an explanation with the original manuscript that explains that the study remained in compliance of their local IRB. The manuscript should include that all human participants either gave informed consent for participation or explain that explicit informed consent was not required by the local IRB. If individuals might be identifiable by any portion of the manuscript, including but not limited to photos, illustrations, tables, figures, data, or descriptions, the authors must submit a release form (with the original manuscript) signed by the individual giving permission for use in the publication. Note that human participants in research includes human tissue or blood and medical records.

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