

# JOURNAL OF PALLIATIVE CARE / INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS AND CONTRIBUTORS

## CONTENT

The Journal of Palliative Care is international in scope and invites submission of English-language manuscripts from the various disciplines involved in hospice or palliative care. Reports of research projects and papers on studies designed to validate or evaluate currently prominent concepts and methods are welcomed. Original, interpretative articles that examine the foundations and advance the frontiers of hospice and palliative care are favoured.

### Articles

- Reports of clinical and behavioural research
- Reports of studies to evaluate palliative care concepts and methods
- Interpretative papers, offering a philosophical, ethical, or legal -examination of goals, methods, trends, and issues of palliative care
- Historical surveys of trends and developments in palliative care
- Papers offering an original and intellectually exacting examination of broadly humanistic aspects of palliative care

MAXIMUM 5,000 WORDS, INCLUDING TABLES, FIGURES, CHARTS, AND REFERENCES. ABSTRACTS SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MAXIMUM OF 150 WORDS

### Forum

Thought-provoking, tightly reasoned essays, expressing personal views on aspects of palliative care, suitably documented with reference to current literature.

MAXIMUM 1,000 WORDS, INCLUDING TABLES, FIGURES, CHARTS, AND REFERENCES

### Hypotheses

New concepts requiring additional scientific investigation.

MAXIMUM 3,000 WORDS, INCLUDING TABLES, FIGURES, CHARTS, AND REFERENCES

### Current Reviews

Detailed, critical and comprehensive surveys of concepts or experiences, particularly in palliative care, developed rapidly over several years.

MAXIMUM 4,000 WORDS, INCLUDING TABLES, FIGURES, CHARTS, AND REFERENCES

### Global Exchange

Reports and critical analyses, in editorial style, of hallmark events or developments in palliative care throughout the world.

MAXIMUM 1,600 WORDS, INCLUDING TABLES, FIGURES, CHARTS, AND REFERENCES

### Front Line Dispatch

A column that acknowledges that providers in an interdisciplinary field cannot always follow the in-depth evolution of significant trends in related areas of palliative care. Contributions are invited in a journalistic style that situate and synthesize current developments, issues, innovative clinical procedures, therapeutic methods, and promising novel methods of delivery.

RANGE 500–1,500 WORDS, INCLUDING TABLES, FIGURES, CHARTS, AND REFERENCES

### Orienteering

Editorial-style features that serve to indicate a main direction of thought about palliative care, somewhat as the compass and map offer guidance in the sport after which this section is titled. Papers featured in this section expand upon or synthesize several of the key ideas and information described in the current issue.

MAXIMUM 2,000 WORDS, INCLUDING TABLES, FIGURES, CHARTS, AND REFERENCES

### Case Report

The description and analysis of individual patient problems, clinical or psychosocial, and discussion of treatment solutions.

RANGE 500–1,500 WORDS, INCLUDING TABLES, FIGURES, CHARTS, AND REFERENCES

### Book Reviews

Essay-style reviews of books, journals, and papers offering a significant contribution to palliative care.

MAXIMUM 600 WORDS

### Letters to the Editor

Brief personal opinions on questions of palliative care under discussion in the journal. Permission to publish should be appended as a postscript. The Editor-in-Chief reserves the right to shorten such letters, to delete ad hominem attacks and similar comments, and to make other changes to accord with our style.

MAXIMUM 400 WORDS

### N.B. Note Well

Contributions are invited for a notice board of events and announcements. Space is limited.

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**Language** / English.

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