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Medical writing and publishing – International Journal of Clinical Neurosciences and Mental Health

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Abstract

Scientific writing and publishing is important at all stages of medical education, postgraduate training, and also throughout the professional career. Publications may be the product of original research or the critical evaluation of routine clinical activity, and any of these contribute to the improvement of critical thinking, scientific knowledge and, ultimately, clinical skills. Publications are also important indicators of academic and scientific achievement, which contribute decisively to secure grants and to career progression.

Learning how to design, write and review a paper should be formally taught in medical schools, thus providing young medical students and doctors with the right tools to critically appraise and successfully write a scientific paper. The talk will approach the fundamental aspects of scientific writing and publishing, including basic authorship rules, and the trajectory of a paper submitted to a scientific journal. The audience will also be given a few tips and tricks for manuscript improvement, in order to increase the quality of papers and the chance of publication.

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