



Geriatric Nursing journal guidelines for the GAPNA section

The GAPNA pages in the journal *Geriatric Nursing* (GN) are dedicated space to address issues surrounding advanced nursing practice care of older adults. The GAPNA GN pages editors invite all members to share their expertise by submitting journal articles for inclusion in the GAPNA GN pages. There are several types of articles accepted for the GAPNA GN pages including, Research Briefs, Case Studies, Clinical Pearls, Policy Briefs, Literature Updates, or Project Reports.

Research Briefs include results from a quality improvement project, a small research project or to a report on interim results. Research briefs should not exceed 1500 words. They should include the traditional headings; Introduction, background and significance, short literature review, methods, and results/discussion. There can be no more than 3 figures or tables and up to 20 references.

Project Reports include the dissemination of positive outcomes from a project that improves workflow, patient outcomes, use of devices, or some other aspect of patient care. Topics may include any of interest to an audience caring for older adults. These project reports should be no longer than 1500 words (excluding references), and contain no more than 2 figures and/or tables and less than 20 references.

Case Reports or Challenging Cases are expected to share descriptions of complex patient management issues or possibly a study of a particular population (i.e. diabetic patient management). Case Reports should draw attention to important clinical situations, unusual clinical phenomena, new treatment protocols, or new complications in a single patient or in a small number of patients. Topics may include any of interest to an audience caring for older adults. These case reports should be no longer than 1500 words (excluding references), and contain no more than 2 figures and/or tables and less than 20 references.

Clinical Pearls share short, evidence-based updates in areas of clinical interest. This could also be a report on a “best practice” development. These are brief reviews that capture the current state of the science on a given clinical topic. These brief reviews should be no longer than 1500 words (excluding references) and summarize current literature, accompanied by critical analysis leading to rational conclusions and guidance for practice. Topics may include any of interest to those providing clinical care to older adults. There may be no more than 2 figures and/or tables and less than 20 references.

Policy Briefs include sharing a local, regional or state policy issue and solution. Examples might be a change of policy in your work organization based on work you have done; a county or state policy initiative that improves healthcare in some way to include patient care and workforce changes. These papers should be no longer than 750 words with 1 figure or table and 10 or less references.

Literature Updates include a brief descriptive literature review on a focused topic that would likely not be published in a major journal. Topics may include any of interest to an audience caring for older adults. These literature updates should be no longer than 1500 words (excluding references), and contain no more than 2 figures and/or tables and less than 20 references.

These columns will provide excellent opportunities for all members to share clinical challenges and triumphs, lessons learned and recent literature reviews relevant to a specific topic to guide and improve clinical practice.

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