

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 favored.

Articles

- Reports of clinical and behavioral 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 5000 WORDS

Forum

Thought-provoking, tightly reasoned essays, expressing personal views on aspects of palliative care, suitably documented with reference to current literature. MAXIMUM 1000 WORDS

Hypotheses

Articles describing new concepts requiring additional scientific investigation. MAXIMUM 3000 WORDS

Current Reviews

Detailed, critical and comprehensive surveys of concepts or experiences, particularly in areas of palliative care, that have developed rapidly over the past several years. MAXIMUM 4000 WORDS

Global Exchange

Reports and critical analyses in editorial style of hallmark events or developments in palliative care throughout the world. MAXIMUM 1600 WORDS

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 500-1500 WORDS

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 2000 WORDS

Case Report

The description and analysis of individual patient problems, clinical or psychosocial, and discussion of treatment solutions. RANGE 500-1500 WORDS

From the Literature

A critical review of two to four recent articles focusing on one topic in the care of terminally ill persons. MAXIMUM 1500 WORDS

Feature Book Reviews

Essays combining creative discussion with comparative reviews of one to three books treated thematically. MAXIMUM 1600 WORDS

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, announcements, and newsworthy items. The Editor-in-Chief reserves the right to edit and make other changes to accord with our style. Space dictates that not all items can be published.

SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

All manuscripts of any kind whether solicited or submitted to the *Journal of Palliative Care* are subject to review before a decision on publication is reached. A final decision on publication rests with the Editor-in-Chief. Mail all submissions to: Dr. David Roy, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Palliative Care, c/o Centre for Bioethics, Clinical Research Institute of Montreal, 110 Pine Avenue West, Montreal, QC, Canada H2W 1R7. Tel: 514-987-5617, Fax: 514-987-5695, E-mail: stamous@ircm.qc.ca. **Manuscripts may not be under consideration by any other journal.**

Preparation

Manuscripts prepared in accord with the *Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals**, as published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* (1997; 336: 309-315) and *Annals of Internal Medicine* (1997; 126: 36-47), are acceptable for consideration in the editorial office. Manuscripts that are not of a biomedical orientation are considered in the editorial office if prepared in accord with the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (4th edition), Washington, DC: American Psychological Association, 1994. The editorial board recognizes that manuscripts from certain disciplines may have to be prepared according to requirements other than those mentioned above. Please request information from the Editor-in-Chief.

Disk Submission

Upon acceptance of manuscripts for publication, authors are required to provide a 3.5-inch diskette copy of each paper. Macintosh disks are preferred, but disks on the Windows operating system are also satisfactory. Please indicate the operating system and the word-processing program used to generate the file. Please check that the hard-copy and disk versions correspond exactly and that you have kept a copy of both. In the event of a discrepancy the disk copy will be used.

Language

Submissions are accepted in English and French. If accepted manuscripts must be translated into English. Regular issues of the journal are printed in the English language with French abstracts provided for each article. Special issues are published from time to time featuring French-language submissions.

Computer Typesetting

Manuscripts should be submitted in triplicate, double-spaced and on one side only, including references, legends and footnotes. All punctuation marks, including the period, should be separated by one space only; typographic quotation marks (" ") and apostrophes (') are to be used; and bold type or *italic* should replace underscoring. Paper is to measure approximately 22 x 28 cm with a 3 cm wide margin on all sides. Number pages consecutively starting with the title page, which should include the authors' full names, most recent degrees, affiliations, current addresses, telephone and fax numbers. Photographs should be submitted in duplicate, all of which should be glossy prints.

Letter of Submission

The letter of submission should be signed by all authors and must state who is to be the major correspondent. This letter should also state that the authors have verified the references and that they bear responsibility for the accuracy of the references cited. Reprints of the authors' previous articles on the manuscript's subject would be appreciated.

Abstract

Abstracts (maximum 150 words) are requested for Articles and Hypotheses. French translations of all abstracts are appreciated.

Ethical Certification

Reports of studies involving research of a biomedical or behavioral kind with human subjects must be accompanied by a signed certificate of approval from the appropriate hospital, institutional or university ethics committee.

References

References should be noted in the style indicated in *Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals* to conform with the abbreviations in the *Index Medicus* listings where appropriate. For those journals not listed in this source, the *Journal of Palliative Care* will establish a standard abbreviation, based on the *American National Standards Institute's American National Standard for the Abbreviation of Titles of Periodicals* (ANSI Z-39.5-1969).

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