



# Information for Authors

## Submission and Peer-Review

### How to Submit a Manuscript

To submit your manuscript to the Journal of Vascular Nursing, go to <https://www.editorialmanager.com/jvn>. Select "Submit Manuscript" from the menu at the top of the screen. If you do not have an account, you must register to continue. Once you create an account and login, follow the prompts to submit your manuscript files.

Please review our complete author instructions at <https://www.elsevier.com/journals/journal-of-vascular-nursing/1062-0303/guide-for-authors>.

### Peer-Review Process

The Editor and reviewers, by providing prompt and thorough review, aim to optimize the quality of the published papers. All manuscripts will be evaluated on accuracy, content, organization, style, contribution to the nursing literature, and originality. Publishing and editorial decisions are then based on reviewers' evaluations and the Editor-in-Chief's judgment of the quality of writing, scientific accuracy, timeliness of the topic, and potential interest to readers of the Journal. The corresponding author will be notified of the editor's decision after submitting the manuscript. Authors may be asked to revise and resubmit the manuscript.

## Types of Submissions

**Research:** Research manuscripts are final reports of completed original clinical, educational, health systems, health policy, or historical investigations. Research produces new information that adds to the body of knowledge about vascular nursing practice, management, or education. Manuscripts should include the research aims or questions, a brief review of relevant literature, theoretical or conceptual framework, research design and methods, results, discussion, and implications for vascular nursing. The research design may be quantitative, qualitative, or mixed design. Reports of studies involving human participants must include a description of the level of institutional review board review and approval, and methods used to ensure protection of participants rights, including informed consent.

**Systematic Literature Review:** A systematic review summarizes the clinical literature and provides a critical assessment and evaluation of all research studies that address a particular clinical issue. Researchers should use an organized method of locating, assembling, and evaluating a body of literature on a particular topic using a set of specific criteria. A systematic review typically includes a description of finding of the collection of research studies. The systematic review also may include a quantitative pooling of data, called a meta-analysis. Authors are encouraged to use the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) found at <http://www.prisma-statement.org/>.

**Evidence-Based Practice:** Evidence based practice (EBP) is the conscientious use of current best evidence in making decisions about patient care. It is a problem solving approach to clinical practice and administrative issues that integrates: a systematic search for and critical appraisal of the most relevant evidence to answer a burning clinical question, one's own clinical expertise, and patient preferences and values.

**Quality improvement:** Quality Improvement manuscripts describe a project that was carried out at the author's place of employment to determine the best solution to a practice issue. The results of QI projects cannot be generalized beyond the institution in which they are conducted, and therefore are not considered research manuscripts. However, QI project reports should include evidence of Institutional Review Board (IRB) review if human participants were involved, and should adhere to accepted scientific standards for data collection, including evidence of measurement reliability and validity.

**Clinical:** Clinical articles present new skills or knowledge related to vascular patient care, provide an empirically or clinically based review of a disease state and/or surgical procedure, or analyze the current literature related to a topic

**Education:** Education articles describe educational practices that are of interest to nurses in academia, nurse educators, mentors, or anyone responsible for developing educational materials and disseminating information to nursing students, vascular nurses, and patients. Education articles may be either didactic or clinical in nature.

**Case Studies.** Case Studies should include new, unusual, or complex clinical problems, new therapies that were utilized, aspects that inspired improvements in care, and/or cases where vascular nurses/nursing was instrumental to the outcome. The suggested word count for case reviews is 3000 words. The disease or condition and the patient's outcome should be briefly discussed. The review summary may include pre-hospital events, initial assessment, diagnostic process, interventions, and follow-up. The teaching message of the paper is to be supported by recent definitive references from original sources of information, such as published studies. Discussion should include how clinical presentation, diagnosis, and treatment relate to the current literature. Patients' names are not included nor are patient descriptors that are not integral to the case. Consent to publish must be obtained for each patient described in the submission. A statement regarding patient consent must be included in the introduction. Written consent must be provided to the Editorial Office if requested.

**Innovative Techniques.** Innovative Techniques are practical and well-illustrated descriptions and technical tips of new or established operative and/or endovascular procedures. A brief description summarizing advantages; disadvantages and outcomes of the technique should be included, with references.

**Vascular Images.** Consent to publish must be obtained for each patient described in the submission. A statement regarding patient consent must be included in the text of the manuscript. Written consent must be provided to the Editorial Office with your manuscript files. Ideal Vascular Images illustrate features of vascular disease, including technical approaches and possess both scientific and artistic merit. Limit illustrations and text to one printed Journal page. Descriptions of images must be included in the text, and only key references should be provided. Images must be of professional quality and meet the basic requirements for resolution specified in Illustrations (figures, charts, graphs).

**Letters to the Editor.** JVN welcomes letters to the editors. A letter containing 500 words or less, with no more than ten references and one illustration or table will be considered for publication if it addresses a recent article in the Journal of Vascular Nursing, or to submit brief original observations or opinions. The authors of the original paper will be provided with an opportunity to respond to a Letter to the Editor. If the authors respond in a timely fashion, both the Letter to the Editor and the authors' Response will be published together. Letters accepted for publication may be copyedited. Abstract or Article Highlights are not required for a Letter to the Editor.