

Perspectives
Journal of the Gerontological Nursing Association

Guidelines for Authors:

Perspectives, Journal of the Gerontological Nursing Association, welcomes original manuscripts describing issues, research and clinical or educational innovations of interest to nurses and others caring for older people. Manuscripts from nurses, other health professionals or other interested parties will be accepted for review. The journal also invites brief submissions of approximately two typed, double-spaced pages, describing clinical practice tips, reviews of books or videotapes, creative works and letters of opinion to the Editor.

Statement Of Purpose

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Task Statements: Perspectives disseminates information and research findings regarding innovative gerontological nursing practice, administration and education.

Policy

All submissions must be forwarded to the Editor. Manuscripts submitted to Perspectives for review should not be under simultaneous consideration for publication by another journal. The Editor and members of the Editorial Committee will assume responsibility for the confidential, peer review of manuscripts by three referees. The Editor reserves the sole right to accept or reject submitted materials. Editing involves validating factual content, adding new information, deleting extraneous material and reorganizing content. Revisions may also be made in order to meet accepted grammatical, spelling and writing standards. Authors will be advised of the receipt of their submissions and the publication decision within four months. One copy of a rejected manuscript will be returned to the author with suggestions for improvement. Authors will be contacted for permission regarding any major revisions prior to the publication of their manuscripts.

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