



Publishing in *The Oncologist*

This guide outlines steps and best practices for getting your work published.

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The Oncologist welcomes **Original Research Articles** describing new findings of major importance, particularly those with direct relevance to the clinic. We encourage submissions from all fields of cancer medicine, including:

- medical oncology, surgical oncology, and radiation oncology
- cancer prevention and community outreach
- outcomes research and economics of cancer care
- global health

The Journal also welcomes **Review Articles** that summarize the state-of-the-art in a disease area or therapeutic modality. The Journal accepts narrative reviews, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses.

Highest priority is given to manuscripts with clear potential for application to the current or future practice of cancer medicine.



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Pre-submission Inquiries

Pre-submission inquiries can help to determine the Journal's interest, but should not be used to circumvent the peer review process.

- Direct inquiries to Editors@TheOncologist.com to gauge their level of interest in the topic of your manuscript and to determine whether your paper will likely be considered for peer review.

Your inquiry should explain what new information or perspective justifies the manuscript as a candidate for publication in *The Oncologist*. Please include the following information:

- Detailed description of the primary concepts and discoveries addressed in the manuscript and a discussion about recent reviews on the same topic in related publications;
- List of specific clinical trials, if pertinent, to be discussed in the manuscript; and
- Disclosure of the names and any potential conflict of interest for all of the authors.

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Manuscript Preparation

Compliance with journal guidelines makes it easier to evaluate your submission.

- Follow the Journal's instructions regarding: formats and lengths; graphic sizes; and types of supplemental data.
- Use proper grammar, punctuation, and language; enlist a language editing service if necessary.
- Check that data and results within all text and accompanying materials are internally consistent.

Be as transparent as possible when disclosing the research question, how the study was conducted, and what findings are included.

Discoverability and Search Engine Optimization

As you prepare your manuscript, consider how to improve the chances that readers will find the article after publication through search engines. You can take steps to improve your article's online discoverability by paying attention to these key techniques:

- Carefully select at least 5 relevant key words.
- Lead with key words in the article title.
- Repeat key words 3–4 times throughout the abstract.

Because they are highly utilized by search engines when ranking search results, selecting appropriate key words (i.e., search terms) and using them frequently and appropriately in the title, abstract, and article is critical.

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Peer-Review Process

Once your manuscript is submitted, it will undergo a single-blind review process during which:

- Submissions are initially evaluated by the appropriate Section Editor(s).
- Section Editors invite external referees to review manuscripts that pass the initial screening process.
- If a manuscript does not pass the initial screening, authors are usually informed within 7 days.
- When the comments are complete, the Section Editors issue a recommendation based on the reviews and their own editorial judgment.

In some cases, the Editors will find a submission to be of interest, but ask that it be reformatted to fit a specific article type prior to further review.

Upon completion of review, the Editors' decision, along with the reviewers' comments will be e-mailed to the corresponding author.

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Acceptance and Rejection

Acceptance or rejection decisions are based on these main factors:

- Importance of the research to the field.
- Originality of the work.
- Quality of the study.
- Relevance of the work to the Journal and its readership.

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Production Process

Once your paper has been accepted, it is sent to Production. The production team will walk you through each stage of the process to get your article online, which includes copyediting, proof review, licensing, etc. To expedite the publication of your paper be sure to:

- Provide accurate proofreading and clearly mark any corrections as soon as possible.
- Acknowledge any funding support when prompted.
- Sign a license agreement.

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