

## Writing Successful Manuscripts

[Medical Communication Option, Foundation, 3.5 hours]

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### Pre-workshop assignment

#### Objective

To introduce participants to the major international guidelines for manuscript writing and to provide some context as to the conceptual and ethical issues to be considered when writing or editing a manuscript.

#### Content

The assignment involves reading the articles on the 4 guidelines indicated below and should get the participant thinking about how these documents aid and contribute to the writing of a manuscript.

#### Assessment criteria

None.

#### Instructions

Download and read the following articles, which you will find at the websites indicated. Focus on understanding the purpose of these guidelines and what your role is as a medical writer in the context of the ideas the guidelines are presenting.

- Articles on Good Publication Practice
  - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6371703/>
  - [https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M15-0288?url\\_ver=Z39.88-2003&rfr\\_id=ori%3Arid%3Acrossref.org&rfr\\_dat=cr\\_pub++0pubmed&](https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M15-0288?url_ver=Z39.88-2003&rfr_id=ori%3Arid%3Acrossref.org&rfr_dat=cr_pub++0pubmed&)
- Article on CONSORT 2010 (especially the table and the figure)
  - <http://www.consort-statement.org/downloads/consort-statement>
- ICMJE guidelines parts I, II (A and D-F), and III D
  - <http://www.icmje.org/recommendations/>
- EMWA guidelines on ghostwriting
  - <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1185/030079905X25578?needAccess=true>

#### Resources and materials

Download the files as indicated above.

#### Time required

1.5 hours