Writing for Publication

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Improved health of Your Patients and Populations

Publish Your Results

Data Analysis

Write Down Your Idea

Carry Out Research

Project

Grant
Writing Research Publications

Before the Writing Begins
- I don’t know what to say
- I don’t have time to sit down and write
- I don’t know how to write a paper

When I finally begin
- Who do I write for
- What do I write first
- What are the components of the paper and what needs to go where
- Submit the Manuscript
After Submission

- Rejection of Papers
- Revising Papers
I don’t know what to say

The hmmm... time
Read the published literature
  – PubMed; Medline;
  – Google

Read local unpublished literature

Define the knowledge gap
I have something VERY important to tell the world
I have no time to write

If you thought it was important enough you will find time

Yeah Right!!

But sometimes there are things which really can’t wait EXCEPT PAPER WRITING
I have no time to write

Scheduled time for writing research paper like the clinical work.

Learned to work in small blocks of time

Worked with a group
I don’t know how to write a paper

Find a Writing Mentor
Find a Writing Mentor
Find a Writing Mentor
Read Papers/Publications
Finally decided to write the paper...

So where do you want to send it?
What do I write first?

Abstract
Introduction
Methodology
Results
Discussion
How do I actually write the manuscript?

- Bulleted Outline
- Introduction – the “Why” of the study
  - What is “known”
  - What is “unknown”
  - What does this study tell us about the “unknown” – the objective of the study
How do I actually write the manuscript?

- Methodology – the “How” of the study
- Result – the “What” of the Study
- Discussion – the “So What” of the Study
  - How is this new knowledge helpful
  - But what are the limitations of this new knowledge
  - Conclusion
Now that I have Written the First Draft

Revisions and Revisions and Revisions and…..

22 revisions
Now that everyone is happy

- My English Language Skills??
  - Get the manuscript checked by a person who has good written English language skills
- Final Check for Fonts, Spaces, Style etc
- Write the Cover Letter
  - Describe why do you think this should be of interest to this particular journal
Submit
Wait
And Wait
Dear Dr. Razzak,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript entitled “xxxx” to our journal. After initial review, we regret to inform you that we cannot accept your manuscript because your manuscript does not...
Dealing with Rejection

- Denial
- Anger
- Depression
- Acceptance
Common Causes of Rejection

- Wrong Journal
- Failure to comply with instructions to authors
- Paper is poorly written
- Your paper is really bad science
  - Revise the paper
  - Resubmit
Dear Dr. Razzak,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript entitled “xxxx” to our journal. Our reviewers have raised a number of questions in the attached feedback. We would like to reconsider your manuscript provided you respond to the attached queries appropriately.
Responding to Reviewers

- Read the reviewers comments carefully.
- You may not like them, but you still need to consider them seriously.
- Make appropriate changes.
- Write a point by point reply.
- Write another cover letter – thanking the editor again!
Wait
Summary

- Know what you want to say
- Schedule paper writing
- Write with someone who knows how to write
- Read good journal articles
- Make an Outline of the Manuscript
- Read the Instruction to Authors
- Get the language checked out
- Be patient
- Be persistent
Thank You and Good Luck