

Pain: Clinical Updates Author Guidelines

IASP publishes six issues each year of *Pain: Clinical Updates* (PCU). Each edition consists of an invited article that reviews a specific clinical pain-management topic. Articles are peer reviewed, evidence based, and open access.

At least four editions are designated for the current IASP Global Year Against Pain, and the other two are on unrelated themes. Article topics are chosen by the <u>Editor-in-Chief in conjunction with the Editorial Advisory Board</u>, and authors are invited on the basis of their acknowledged expertise on the particular topic. The relevant IASP Special Interest Group (SIG) for the current Global Year may provide input for the related editions. Topic suggestions are also welcomed from the general IASP membership.

Printed copies of *Pain: Clinical Updates* are mailed to all IASP members (except those who opt out), and all editions and the entire archives are publicly accessible via the IASP website. In addition, PCUs are often distributed at conferences where IASP chapters or SIGs have a presence. Many editions are translated from English into various languages. We would be delighted to work with you to translate any edition.

Please note the following when preparing your manuscript:

- The articles are primarily aimed at front-line practicing clinicians. Please bear this in mind when writing your manuscript.
- You may invite co-authors if you wish; we suggest no more than four authors in total. Please provide names, degrees, and institutional affiliations for all authors.
- **Submit the text as a Microsoft Word file** and include any tables or graphical material in separate files.
- Aim for about 3,000-3,500 words of main text (this word count applies to the main text, exclusive of references, text boxes, and figure legends).
- **Summarize the main messages of the article** in a text box with three to five bulleted points that capture the key points and implications for clinical practice.
- **Include a maximum of 30 references** and a short bibliography if you choose. References should appear in the same format as in the journal *PAIN* (non-superscripted numbers).
- Manuscripts will be peer reviewed. You will have an opportunity to amend your manuscript and respond to the reviewers' comments prior to an editorial decision. You may suggest potential reviewers if you wish.
- IASP retains the copyright to the article.
- **PLEASE NOTE**: Because *Pain*: *Clinical Updates* is intended to inform clinical practice, evidence supporting the article must be presented in a balanced and transparent manner.

Therefore, where statements or assertions regarding diagnostic or therapeutic interventions are made, we strongly encourage authors to justify their comments by reference to an existing published systematic review, which is cited as a reference. If this is not possible, please be sure to include information specifying the literature search method, the search terms employed, and the databases searched. We would also expect to see an account of how many articles were retrieved from such a search and how these were selected for supporting evidence purposes. You may provide the required information about evidence in a text box to accompany the article rather than in the main text, if you wish. Finally, mention of any drugs should use generic names.

If you would like further guidance on any of these points, I will be happy to discuss them with you.

Please submit your manuscript and direct any questions to IASP Director of Publications Dan Levin.

Thank you for your valuable contribution to the work of the International Association for the Study of Pain.

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