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What is the mission of JOGNN?

The mission of JOGNN is to advance the health and health care of women, childbearing families, and newborns through the publication of peer-reviewed nursing and interdisciplinary scholarship.

As a peer-reviewed journal, the aims of JOGNN are to



- Advance knowledge, research, practice, and policy
- Publish scholarly work that informs the discipline and the reader
- Share practice implications with scientific and clinical communities
- Contribute to the scientific and professional literature
- Disseminate work of value to readers



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What content can I expect to find in JOGNN?



- Research
- Reviews
- Methods
- Health Care Improvement and Evaluation
- Principles & Practice
- Case Reports
- Critical Commentary
- Letters to the Editor
- Editorials
- Current Resources for Evidence-Based Practice (column)
- AWHONN Position Statements and Practice Briefs



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Who reads JOGNN and who can I reach by publishing my work in JOGNN?

- JOGNN is an AWHONN journal and is a member benefit to more than 20,000 members in 50 states and 20 countries
- Major academic and clinical institutions subscribe to JOGNN
- Articles are indexed in the major bibliographic databases, including PubMed/MEDLINE, CINAHL, Science Citation Index, PsycINFO, and SCOPUS
- Articles can be downloaded from the JOGNN website and AWHONN Journals app, ScienceDirect, Clinical Key, and other subscription sites
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- With JOGNN added to your institution's collection, you will have full-text access to the articles that your colleagues are reading

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Is my work appropriate for JOGNN?

- Does your manuscript fulfill the mission of JOGNN?
- Does your work make a significant contribution to the existing literature?
- Refer to the JOGNN author guidelines to consider the various article categories and criteria for submission
- You can email a query letter to the editor if you are unsure if your manuscript meets the mission of JOGNN
- Recognize that an academic paper is different than a peer-reviewed journal article

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Health Care Improvement and Evaluation

- Report on clinical projects to improve outcomes
 - Quality improvement
 - Evidence-based practice
 - Program evaluation
- Report on a sound clinical project that includes
 - A specific aim to improve a clinical outcome
 - An intervention/practice change/protocol/clinical practice guideline for all patients and providers in the setting (authentic practice change)
 - A description of the intervention with sufficient detail to enable a reader to replicate
 - Sound measurement tools and methods for process and clinical outcomes
 - Practice implications beyond the study site
- Manuscript formatted with SQUIRE reporting guidelines (Standards for Quality Improvement Reporting Excellence)

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Process and Clinical Outcomes

Process - Care

- Did clinicians make the change in practice?
- Was the protocol carried out as intended? Consistently?
- Measure feasibility, use, compliance, or uptake of the practice change
- Data: rate of use, compliance, audits, documentation (cautious with self-report)

Clinical - Result

- Were the aims for improvement in clinical outcomes achieved?
- Was there improvement in quality, safety, patient experience, or cost containment?
- Were standard quality measures used?

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How can I prepare a manuscript for successful peer review and consideration for publication?

- Carefully follow
 - JOGNN author guidelines
 - Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th Edition (APA Manual)
 - Required reporting guidelines
- Writing must meet scholarly standards for publication
- Seek feedback before submitting - obtain a pre-review from an experienced colleague
- Recognize that an academic paper will need to be rewritten to fit the author guidelines
- Helpful resources can be found in the author guidelines, on Editorial Manager, and in the JOGNN references at the end of this presentation

An accurately prepared manuscript reflects the credibility of your work.

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APA style is not just for the reference list!

<https://apastyle.apa.org/>

- Effective title
- Running head
- Order of pages (title, abstract, text, references, tables, figures)
- Heading format
- Citing within the text
- Lists
- Reformat a student paper

- Active voice
- First person
- Bias-free language
- Sentence clarity
- Grammar
- Punctuation
- Abbreviations
- Numbers & statistics
- Table & figure checklists

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JOGNN Editorial Style and Word Choice

- Avoid clinical short-cut expressions; use acronyms and abbreviations sparingly and as per APA style
- Women rather than patients, primiparas, mothers
- Birth rather than delivery (vaginal birth, cesarean birth)
- Maternity care rather than obstetric care
- Women's health care rather than gynecologic care
- Newborns or neonates until 28 days of age, thereafter infant
- Black women, not Blacks
- Person-first language: women with diabetes rather than diabetic women, woman in the postpartum period rather than postpartum women
- APA (2020) 7th Edition, Chapter 5, Bias-Free Language

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Reporting Guidelines for Study Types

- EQUATOR Network (Enhancing the Quality and Transparency of Health Research)
- CONSORT (Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials)
- PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items of Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses)
- PRISMA-ScR (PRISMA for Scoping Reviews)
- SQUIRE (Standards for Quality Improvement Reporting Excellence)
- CARE (Case Report)
- STROBE (Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology)
- MOOSE (Meta-analyses of Observational Studies in Epidemiology)
- STARD (Standards for the Reporting of Diagnostic Accuracy Studies)
- SRQR (Standards for Reporting Qualitative Research)

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Anatomy of a Manuscript

Research

- Introduction
 - Problem
 - Literature Review
 - Research Question
- Methods
 - Design
 - Setting/Participants
 - Measures/Instruments
 - Procedures
 - Analysis Plan
- Results
 - Sample
 - Research Question Data
- Discussion
 - Summary
 - Interpretation
 - Implications
 - Limitations
 - Conclusions

HCIE - SQUIRE Guidelines

- Introduction
 - Problem Description
 - Available Knowledge
 - Rationale
 - Specific Aims
- Methods
 - Content
 - Intervention
 - Study of the Intervention
 - Measures
 - Analysis
 - Ethical Considerations
- Results
 - Intervention Evolution, Modifications, Unintended Consequences
 - Aims Outcomes - Process & Clinical
- Discussion
 - Summary
 - Interpretation
 - Limitations
 - Conclusions, Implications Sustainability, Next Steps

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Reporting Clinical Projects

Quality Improvement, Evidence-Based Practice, Program Evaluation

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Online Portal for Submission: Editorial Manager

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The Road a Manuscript Travels at JOGNN: Submission—Peer Review—Publication

- Query letter is not required
- Online Submission
- Editor Review (send for peer-review or reject without peer review)
- Peer Review
- Editor Decision (accept, revise, reject)
- Revision (typically 1 to 3 or 4 rounds)
- Acceptance
- Page Proofs
- Online Publication (ahead of print)
- Print Publication

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