

INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

The Journal of Japanese Society of Nursing and Health Care invites original manuscripts which contribute to advancement in nursing and health care.

TYPES OF THE MANUSCRIPT

Original article: Research report of unique and innovative findings with academic value and substantial contribution to advancement in nursing and health care. It should be approximately 5000 words (not counting the abstract, references, tables and/or figures)

Brief report: Tentative report with same attributes as Original article. It should be approximately 2500 words (not counting the abstract, references, tables and/or figures)

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Text

Authors should use the following subheadings to divide the sections of their manuscript: Introduction, Methods, Results and Discussion.

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References

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Journal article

Vega K.J., Pina I. & Krevsky B. (1996). Heart transplantation is associated with an increased risk for pancreatobiliary disease. *Ann Intern Med*, 124, 980983.

Book

Ringsven M.K. & Bond D. (1996). *Gerontology and leadership skills for nurses*, 2nd ed. Albany, NY: Delmar Publishers.

Chapter in a book

Phillips S.J. & Whisnant J.P. (1995). Hypertension and stroke. In: J.H. Laragh & B.M. Brenner (Eds), *Hypertention: pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management* (2nd ed., pp. 465478). New York: Raven Press.

Non-English journal article, title translated into English

Kondoh Y. (2001). Effects of flexed posture with boundaries following endotracheal suction in very low birth weight infants [in Japanese]. *J Jpn Acad Nurs Sci*, 21(3), 1120.

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