

# How to get your research published in the best journals

## A 2-day course on scientific writing in medicine

13-14 May 2019 in Oslo

As a researcher you want to get your results published in a respected scientific journal. In this course, you will learn how to prepare your manuscript in order to increase its chance of being accepted for publication in the journal of your choice.

The course faculty consists of experienced editors and researchers, most of whom have published in leading medical scientific journals, and including the executive editor of Annals of Internal Medicine, one of the most prestigious medical journals in the world.

All aspects of preparing a manuscript, such as planning, writing text, title and abstract, and constructing tables and figures, will be covered.

The course is highly interactive, with course participants working in small groups and receiving individual feedback on their own writing from the faculty.

Course organizers are the University of Oslo, Oslo University Hospital, Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association, Frontier Science Norden, and Annals of Internal Medicine.

### Contact information:

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### Venue:

Store auditorium, building 4 (tower building), Gaustad Hospital, Sognvannsveien 21, Oslo, Norway

### Audience:

The course is intended for clinicians and researchers with some experience in medical writing or with an interest in starting to write or review scientific papers.

### Price:

The course fee is 6850 NOK (approximately 800 USD) excl. costs of travel and stay.

### Expected workload:

The course involves preparatory reading and writing. Participants must read a research paper that will be provided by the course organizers ahead of the in-person course. Also, the participants must prepare the outline of a research paper describing their own research. This will include submission of a title, abstract, tables and figures. The abstract should be no more than 200 words and consist of four paragraphs, labeled *Background*, *Methods*, *Results*, and *Conclusion*. There should be no more than five tables and figures, each with a separate heading. If you do not have

results to present in tables and figures, make dummy tables and figures (how you aim to present your results). Tables and all text should be double-spaced. The expected workload for preparation of the papers prior to the course date is 16 hours (30 hours in total).

Deadline for submission of abstract, tables and figures is **May 2, 2019**.

**Breakout sessions:**

There will be five groups. Each group is assigned one course teacher.

**Accreditation:**

The course is approved as an elective course (16 hours) by the Norwegian Medical Association and 1 ECTS in the PhD program at Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo.

**Course teachers:**



**Erlend Hem**  
Professor, University of Oslo, and former Deputy Editor-in-chief, Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association



**Michael Bretthauer**  
Professor, University of Oslo, and European Editorial Liaison, Annals of Internal Medicine



**Mette Kalager**  
Associate Professor, University of Oslo, and Medical Editor, Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association



**Lise Helsing**  
Research Fellow, University of Oslo, and former Medical Editor, Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association



**Petter Gjersvik**  
Professor, University of Oslo, and Medical Editor, Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association



**Are Brean**  
Editor-in-chief, Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association



**Siri Lunde Strømme**  
Scientific Editor, Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association



**Darren Taichman**  
Executive Editor, Annals of Internal Medicine

## Course Schedule

### Day 1

08:30-09:00 Registration

#### **Session 1: Let's start**

09:00-09:10 Course introduction

09:10-09:45 Before you start writing, make sure that ....

#### **Session 2: Aiming high**

09:45-10:15 How to get your manuscript published in a top medical journal

10:15-10:45 How to get the Editor interested in your manuscript

10:45-11:15 What is a good paper and for which audience?

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

#### **Session 3: How to write**

11:30- 12:15 Writing scientific English

12:15-13:15 Lunch

#### **Session 4: More than words**

13:15-13:45 The importance of tables and figures

13:45-14:45 Breakout Session 1: Good (and not so good) tables and figures

14:45-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-15:30 Summary of Breakout Session 1

15:30- 15:45 What did you learn today, and what will you learn tomorrow?

## **Day 2**

### **Session 5: How to attract attention**

- 09.00-09.30 **Writing good titles and abstracts**
- 09:30-09:35 **Let's examine a published paper thoroughly**
- 09:35-10:35 **Breakout Session 2: How to improve title and abstract**
- 10:35-10:50 **Coffee break**
- 10:50-11:15 **Summary of Breakout Session 2**

### **Session 6: Constantly improving**

- 11:15-12:10 **Breakout session 3: Improving titles and abstracts**
- 12:10-13:30 **Lunch + speed dating**
- 13:30-14:20 **Breakout Session 4: Improving tables and figures**
- 14:20-15:00 **Summary of Breakout Sessions 3 and 4**
- 15:00-15:45 **How to revise a manuscript and what to do if the manuscript is rejected**
- 15:45-16:00 **What have you learnt? How can we make the course better?**