

Calling All Writers!

Have a burning desire to become a published author? If so, harness your passion and submit an original article to ENA for publication! ENA *Connection* is about you, your practice and our collective community of dedicated emergency nursing professionals. We welcome your original submissions for consideration and inclusion in an upcoming edition of ENA *Connection*. Published 11 times each year and with a readership of more than 41,000 members, ENA *Connection* is a vital communication vehicle for all issues concerning emergency nursing.

What topics do we seek?

Articles should be of interest to our emergency nursing audience and underscore the concept of 'Safe Practice, Safe Care.' ENA *Connection* shares association news and timely, relevant information and topics, while showcasing ENA events, education, and advocacy efforts. ENA *Connection* captures and celebrates the voice of the emergency nursing community. Articles must not be deemed 'commercial' or self-promotional. ENA reserves the right to refuse such articles without requesting author revisions. Additionally, our editorial team will:

- **Consider completed manuscripts as well as punctuation**
- **Review each article for content, grammar, and style, and edit if necessary**
- **Discourage submission of images unless previously agreed upon**

Guidelines to Follow

When developing your article for our editorial review, please follow these basic guidelines:

QUERIES

Your query should include an outline of the proposed topic and include the points you intend to make. Your query should illustrate how the work will benefit readers, the timeliness of the topic, and your experience related to this subject. Send queries to (connection@ena.org)

TOPIC

Articles should be informational in nature and of interest to emergency clinicians.

WORD COUNT

Your article should be between 500 and 1,000 words. All articles must be submitted electronically as a Microsoft Word document.

TITLE AND BYLINE

Please include a working title for your piece. Your author information must be included at the end of the article including your professional title and credentials. Also, please include one form of contact (e.g., phone number, email address, Twitter handle).

ATTRIBUTION

Please attribute any information that is not original by referencing its original source. Citing a publication directly in a sentence is acceptable when necessary to provide factual support.

ACCURACY

All articles must be checked closely for factual accuracy.

STYLE

AP Style is used for body of article, and APA style is used when formatting citations.

RELEASES

All authors whose work is accepted for publication will be required to sign a 'Writer's Release' for their work.

Additional Guidelines

While the craft of writing is as unique as those who perform it, here are additional directions to ensure your work is interesting, relevant, and purposeful to fellow members:

- Headlines may be edited to draw attention to the article
- Capture the reader's attention by using a catchy headline and follow it with a lead sentence/ paragraph that draws the reader in
- Write in the active voice and use specific examples and case studies to illustrate points. Include quotes with attributions to solidify your theme.
- Write with your colleagues in mind! Whether your topic is clinical in nature, or about management, remember ED nurses are sophisticated and well-trained.
- Provide detail within your piece as needed. Keep extraneous information out of your article and follow a logical progression of ideas.
- Use a friendly, conversational tone in your piece. Avoid complex vocabulary, cliches and jargon. If you use an unfamiliar acronym, please provide the formal title in its first use.
- Wrap-up your article with as much interest as it began and include concluding remarks or thoughts
- Use grammar- and spell-checking resources to ensure your piece is clean. Double-check facts and figures. Ensure your piece flows smoothly and logically.
- Have a colleague review your article prior to submission to get a sense of its effectiveness

Ready to Write?

So, you have a topic. You've written it to ENA guidelines. Now what? To submit your work, please E-mail your material to: connection@ena.org