

Developing Your Reviewing Skills

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Objectives

- Identify the purpose of manuscript review.
- Discuss types of manuscript review and approaches to the review process.
- Critically analyze a manuscript submitted for publication.



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Purpose of Manuscript Reviews

- Vote of confidence by peers
- Assures quality of content
- Provides different perspectives
- Protection from plagiarism
- Avoids contributing to duplicate publication

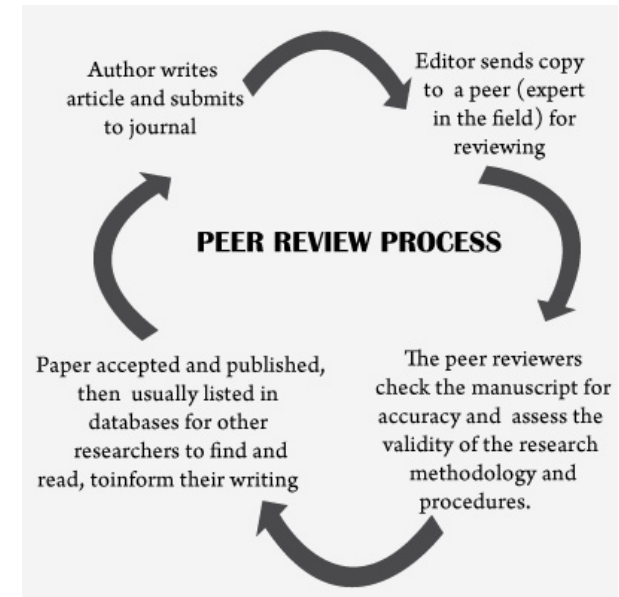


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Role of Review in Publishing Process

- Submission
- Review
- Decision
- Revisions
- Additional review
- Keep in mind that this process is now generally 100% electronic



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Types of Review

- Editor only
- Editorial board only
- Review board
- Consultant
- Blind peer review
- Dual review
- Others ... open review



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Steps in the Review Process

- Read entire manuscript as a whole
- Jot general notes
- Reread manuscript, provide specific suggestions
- Review figures/tables
- Check references
- Write your review



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Review Criteria

- **Overall**

- Title
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Summary
- References
- Nursing implications
- Supplemental materials
- Drug information



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Review Criteria

- **Special**
 - Research components- problem statement, review of literature, theoretical framework, methods, analysis, discussion, limitations
- **Decision/rationale**
 - Include what would improve the work, what you'd like to see



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Tips for Reviewers

- Be familiar with review criteria
- Focus on content (don't get bogged down in copyediting)
- Focus on strengths and weaknesses
- Offer constructive criticism
- Give author the benefit of the doubt



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Tips for Reviewers

- Return to editor if conflict of interest or not in your area
- Review on time
- Be honest, thorough, professional
- Don't rewrite
- Report plagiarism, duplicate publication to editor immediately



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OVERALL MANUSCRIPT:	4
1. Is the manuscript suitable for JNN (of interest to readers, relevant to neuroscience nursing practice)?	
2. Does the manuscript make an original contribution to the literature?	4
3. Is the writing style appropriate to the topic?	4
4. Are thoughts logically and clearly expressed?	4
5. Is information in the manuscript current, accurate, and complete?	3
6. Is there anything important missing from the manuscript? If your answer is 'Yes', please explain, in detail, in the space provided.	No
SPECIFIC ASPECTS:	Yes
1. Is the title representative of the manuscript?	
2. Is the abstract representative of the manuscript?	Yes
3. Is the introduction complete and accurate (addressing purpose and scope of manuscript)?	Yes
4. Is the summary accurate and complete?	Yes
5. Are references current, complete, and in the appropriate format?	Yes
6. Are nursing implications clearly stated?	Yes



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