

## Second-Tier Journals

*These journals are an excellent resource for those trying to expand their writing abilities and to help writers identify with the work that journals are hoping to publish. Student submissions do not go unrecognized.*

### **The American Journal of Medical Quality**

<http://www.sagepub.com/journals/Journal201749/manuscriptSubmission>

*The American Journal of Medical Quality* is the official Journal of the American College of Medical Quality. The journal publishes original work in the entire field of quality measurement and improvement.

Article Types: commentary, Q-tip (implementation tip)

### **BMJ Quality**

<http://quality.bmj.com/>

BMJ Quality is an online workspace that supports individuals and teams to work through quality improvement ideas, make an intervention, and publish their results while developing their knowledge and skills. Projects are published in BMJ Quality Improvement Reports journal and, as of January 2015, we accept over 85%\* of submissions.

### **Health Care: The Journal of Delivery Science and Innovation**

<http://www.elsevier.com/journals/healthcare-the-journal-of-delivery-science-and-innovation/2213-0764/guide-for-authors>

*Health Care: The Journal of Delivery Science and Innovation* is a quarterly journal invested in promoting cutting edge research on innovation in health care delivery, including improvements in systems, processes, management, and applied information technology. Peer reviewed.

Article Types: **opinion**, review article, case report (health care challenge, decisions, lessons, no results required)

## **Implementation Science**

<http://www.implementationscience.com/authors/instructions>

*Implementation Science* is an open access, peer-reviewed online journal that aims to publish research relevant to the scientific study of methods to promote the uptake of research findings into routine healthcare in clinical, organizational or policy contexts.

Article Types: **debate** (not based on research; sociological/ethical), methodology (new experimental/computational method), short report (extends previously published research), study protocol, systematic review

## **The International Journal for Quality in Health Care**

[http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our\\_journals/intqhc/about.html](http://www.oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/intqhc/about.html)

*The International Journal for Quality in Health Care* (IJQHC) is a leading international peer-reviewed scholarly journal addressing research, policy, and implementation related to the quality of health care and health outcomes for populations and patients worldwide.

Article Types: research, review, methods, case-studies, **perspectives on quality**

## **Journal for Healthcare Quality**

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1945-1474/homepage/ForAuthors.html](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1945-1474/homepage/ForAuthors.html)

*The Journal for Healthcare Quality* (JHQ) welcomes submissions by writers from all sectors in the field of health care quality. The journal publishes articles on a broad range of topics including administration and management, performance measurement and improvement, and global and international issues.

Article Types: original research

## **The Journal of Clinical Outcomes Management**

<http://www.jcomjournal.com/author-information/>

*The Journal of Clinical Outcomes Management*® (JCOM®) is an independent, peer-reviewed journal offering evidence-based, practical information for improving health care quality.

Article Types: original research, brief reports (short version of original research), case-based reviews, reports from the field (programs & strategies for QI), clinical communication (physician-patient communication, often featuring sample dialogues to illustrate skills & missteps), **perspectives** (related to outcomes management),

### **Journal of Graduate Medical Education**

<http://www.jgme.org/>

*The Journal of Graduate Medical Education* (JGME) disseminates scholarship and promotes critical inquiry to inform and engage the graduate medical education community to improve the quality of graduate medical education.

Article Types: original research, education innovation, review (systematic, narrative, meta-analysis), **brief report**, perspective, on teaching/learning (personal essay/reflection)

### **The Journal of Healthcare Risk Management**

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)2040-0861/](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)2040-0861/)

The *Journal of Healthcare Risk Management* is published quarterly by the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM). The purpose of the journal is to publish research, trends, and new developments in the field of healthcare risk management with the ultimate goal of advancing safe and trusted patient-centered healthcare delivery and promoting proactive and innovative management of organization-wide risk. Seeks articles that help risk managers improve their professional performance

### **PLoS One**

<http://www.plosone.org/static/publication>

*PLOS ONE* is an international, peer-reviewed, open-access, online publication. PLOS ONE welcomes reports on primary research from any scientific discipline

Article Types: systematic review, qualitative research, methods

### **Patient Safety and Quality Healthcare**

[http://www.psqh.com/pdfs/psqh\\_author\\_guidelines\\_2014.pdf](http://www.psqh.com/pdfs/psqh_author_guidelines_2014.pdf)

This online and print magazine reaches a readership of about 20,000 people, and has published Open School student work on several occasions. Please note *PSQH* is not a peer-reviewed journal.

Article Types: all kinds

### **Pulse Voices**

<http://pulsevoices.org/submissions>

*Pulse* isn't a student-run journal, but it publishes work from all people involved in giving and receiving health care. It seeks high-quality original nonfiction, first-person stories, poetry, artwork, and photographs by patients and providers who want to share their experiences of health care.

### **Quality Management in Health Care**

<http://journals.lww.com/qmhcjournal/Pages/informationforauthors.aspx>

*Quality Management in Health Care* (QMHC) is a peer-reviewed journal that provides a forum for readers to explore the theoretical, technical, and strategic elements of health care quality management. The journal's primary focus is on organizational structure and processes as these affect the quality of care and patient outcomes.

Article Types: QI report, review, case study, **theoretical papers**; stated topic examples include new application of tools/methods, relationship between quality managements & cost reductions, determinants of successful organizational change

### **The Journal of Hospital Medicine**

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1553-5606/homepage/ProductInformation.html](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1553-5606/homepage/ProductInformation.html)

The Journal of Hospital Medicine advances excellence in hospital medicine as a defined specialty through the dissemination of research, evidence-based clinical care, and advocacy of safe, effective care for hospitalized patients.

Article Types: original research, brief reports, review, **perspectives in hospital medicine** (new therapies, controversies in care delivery innovation/policy), Choosing Wisely (2 types: "next steps in improving health care value" (evaluations of new value focused innovations, proposals for new care models at the system level) and "**things we do for no reason**" (case-based, describes practices that are poorly supported by evidence and have become standard practice))

### **Top-Tier Journals**

*These journals are some of the most prestigious in health care, and sometimes publish work about quality improvement. While it would be difficult for students to publish their work here, it may be helpful to read these publications as you're learning to write and publish.*

### **The BMJ – formerly the British Medical Journal**

<http://www.bmj.com/about-bmj>

All *The BMJ's* original research is published in full on [bmj.com](http://www.bmj.com), with open access and no limits on word counts. The BMJ's mission is to lead the debate on health and to engage, inform, and stimulate doctors, researchers, and other health professionals in ways that will improve outcomes for patients. It aims to help doctors to make better decisions. The BMJ publishes about one article related to QI per publication.

### **BMJ Quality and Safety**

<http://qualitysafety.bmj.com/>

*BMJ Quality & Safety* (previously *Quality & Safety in Health Care*) is an international peer-reviewed publication providing research, opinions, debates, and reviews for academics, clinicians, and health care managers focused on the quality and safety of health care and the science of improvement.

## Health Affairs

[http://www.healthaffairs.org/1500\\_about\\_journal.php#description](http://www.healthaffairs.org/1500_about_journal.php#description)

*Health Affairs* explores health policy issues in the US and around the world. Its mission is to serve as a high-level, nonpartisan forum to promote analysis and discussion on improving health and health care, and to address such issues as cost, quality, and access.

## JAMA Internal Medicine

<http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/journal.aspx>

*JAMA Internal Medicine* (formerly the Archives of Internal Medicine) is an international peer-reviewed journal that publishes innovative and clinically relevant research for practitioners of internal medicine and subspecialties. It seeks to publish articles that educate and inform readers and lead to positive change in health care systems and the way providers deliver patient care.

Article Types: original research, research letter (600 words),

## The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety

<http://www.jcrinc.com/the-joint-commission-journal-on-quality-and-patient-safety/>

Published monthly, *The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety* is a peer-reviewed publication dedicated to providing health professionals with the information they need to promote the quality and safety of health care. *The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety* invites original manuscripts on the development, adaptation, and implementation of innovative thinking, strategies, and practices in improving quality and safety in health care.

Article Types (website has lots of good example articles): original improvement research, **conceptual articles**, improvement briefs (simple intervention, one/few units vs. system wide, straightforward outcome measure), **innovations reports** (not yet been scaled up for full implementation), **research letters** (600 words), tool tutorial (for new tools/preliminary experience), narrative review, systematic review, **commentary** (very prose-like, informal tone)

### **The Journal of the American Medical Association**

<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/public/forauthors.aspx>

*JAMA*, published continuously since 1883, is an international peer-reviewed general medical journal published 48 times per year in print and several times a week online. *JAMA* is the most widely circulated medical journal in the world. The online version is freely available to institutions in developing countries.

### **The Lancet**

<http://www.thelancet.com/lancet-information-for-authors>

*The Lancet* is an independent and authoritative voice in global medicine that publishes high-quality clinical trials that will alter medical practice. It covers research and analysis from all regions of the world.

### **New England Journal of Medicine**

<http://www.nejm.org/page/about-nejm/history-and-mission>

The *New England Journal of Medicine* is dedicated to bringing physicians the best research and key information at the intersection of biomedical science and clinical practice, and to presenting the information in an understandable and clinically useful format.