

Choosing the right journal for your research article

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Creating a journal shortlist



What criteria would you consider when identifying journals to publish your research?

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- Aims & Scope
- Paper Type
- Reputation: Metrics and Indexing

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- Acceptance Rate
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Creating a shortlist

Create a shortlist based on your most important criteria:

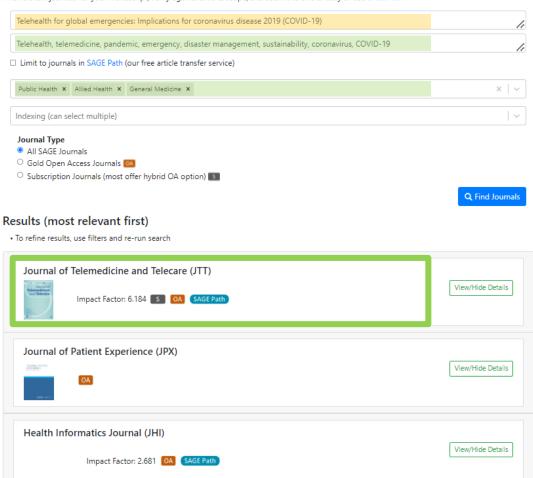
- Gather five to ten journals in your field that publish your kind of work
- Create a scoring system to rank them systematically based on those criteria
- Read their recent issues thoroughly to get a sense of what they publish, to add a qualitative element to your rankings



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Abstract

The current coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic is again reminding us of the importance of using telehealth to deliver care, especially as a means of reducing the risk of cross-contamination caused by close contact. For telehealth to be effective as part of an emergency response it first needs to become a routinely used part of our health system. Hence, it is time to step back and ask why telehealth is not mainstreamed. In this article, we highlight key requirements for this to occur. Strategies to ensure that telehealth is used regularly in acute, post-acute and emergency situations, alongside conventional service delivery methods, include flexible funding arrangements, training and accrediting our health workforce. Telehealth uptake also requires a significant change management effort and the redesign of conventional models of care. Implementing telehealth proactively rather than reactively is more likely to generate greater benefits in the long-term, and help with the everyday (and emergency) challenges in healthcare.

Keywords

Telehealth, telemedicine, pandemic, emergency, disaster management, sustainability, coronavirus, COVID-19



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• To refine results, use filters and re-run search



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- 1. Use the **Journal recommender** to find some SAGE journals relevant to your research area
 - A title is not necessary, but do include some keywords and subject areas
- 2. Choose one journal, and click through to the **Submission guidelines**
- 3. Read through the submission guidelines of your chosen journal, and note down a few things that are new, surprising or informative to you.
- 4. Be ready to share what you've discovered in the Zoom chat panel!

Applying what you've learnt



10 mins

What did you learn about your chosen journal?



Please share in the Chat panel.

Submission checklist

- Verify journal's suitability (aims and scope)
- Declare conflicts of interest, funding awards, authorship and acknowledgements
- Obtain necessary copyright permissions
- Double-check compliance with journal's submission guidelines (referencing style, text, image and data formatting, supplemental material requirements)
- Seek feedback on manuscript
- Proof-read one final time



Handling the post-submission phase

The post-submission process

- Initial decision:
 - Desk reject
 - Peer review

Why papers get rejected before review

- Poor fit with the journal
- Weak methods or inadequate literature base
- Poor presentation that obscures article's scientific base or merit of paper:
 - Bad grammar
 - Poor spelling
 - Incorrectly formatted



What is peer review?

- The peer review process is essential to the development of research across all subject areas
- Filtering out poor quality articles
- Assessing validity
- Maintaining integrity of science

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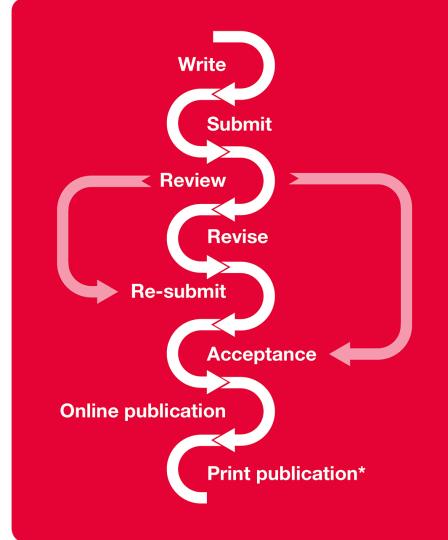
- Single anonymous peer review the name of the reviewer is hidden from the author
- Double anonymous peer review names are hidden from both reviewers and the authors
- Open peer review everyone is identified

Make sure you understand the peer review model of your chosen journal before submitting your manuscript.



Peer review process

- Initial decision:
 - Desk reject
 - Peer review
- PR possible outcomes:
 - Reject
 - Major revisions
 - Minor revisions
 - Accept



Handling revisions

- Read the reviewer comments and Editor's letter carefully
- Follow the timeframes requested
- Clearly demonstrate what you have changed point-by-point
- Address each referee point in a separate document
- If you can't meet all criticisms, explain why
- Be positive and polite
- Process may take 2-3 iterations



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Top tips

- Consider reviewer and editor comments carefully don't rush!
- · Submit your revision on time
- Be positive and constructive
- Keep your comments clear and concise
- Comprehensive updates and responses to reviewer and editor comments will minimize the need for future revisions

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Why papers are rejected after review

- Reviewers are not convinced of the contribution to the knowledge base
- Paper is ill-focused or fundamentally flawed
- Methods are not robust enough for the journal
- Specific sections are weak



Handling rejections

- Criticisms are there to enhance your paper: don't overreact
- Read the reviewer comments and Editor's letter carefully
- Focus on why the manuscript was rejected
- Rework the paper to address reviewer concerns
- Submit to another journal



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