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## Authorship Requirements

*ADVANCE for Nurse Practitioners* only considers clinical manuscripts written by nurse practitioners or nurse practitioner students. Coauthors can be members of other professions, but the primary author must be an NP or NP student. Papers written for course requirements are rarely suitable for publication; revise student papers before submitting, so that they are appropriate for a professional journal and an advanced reading audience.

## Process Overview

Our editorial advisory board performs blinded review of all submissions. We acknowledge receipt of manuscripts after three criteria are met:

1. We receive an electronic file (Microsoft Word only) via e-mail.
2. We receive a hard copy via postal mail.
3. The article's references are correctly numbered and formatted in AMA style.

After these criteria are met, we send the article for review in the next available review cycle. (Note: No manuscript reviews take place in November and December each year.) In most cases, we are able to notify an author of the board's recommendation approximately 8 to 10 weeks after receipt is acknowledged.

## Word Length Requirement

Articles should be 1,800 to 3,500 words in length. This word length includes the reference list but excludes tables.

## Cover Page

On a cover page, list name, NP certification, workplace name and city, and contact information. E-mail address, mailing address and daytime phone number are required.

## Reference Requirements

The reference list should contain a maximum of 25 references. No minimum number of references is required. Place the reference list in the same Word document as the

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article. References should be listed and formatted according to the *American Medical Association Manual of Style*.

Reference citations should appear at the end of the article only. Each reference should be assigned only one number, regardless of how many times it is cited. Read any issue of *ADVANCE for Nurse Practitioners* to see how references should be numbered and listed. Include volume AND issue numbers in each citation. Here are some examples:

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**FOR A WEB REFERENCE:** Sams HH, Boyd A. Dermatitis herpetiformis. *eMedicine*. Available at: <http://www.emedicine.com/derm/topic95.htm>. Accessed Jan. 16, 2006.

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Save tables and figures in separate Word documents (do not include them in the same file as the article itself). Design tables simply, using Microsoft Word.

## Formatting

Single-space the document and indent each paragraph. Do not insert page numbers, endnotes or footnotes. Do not use the track changes feature of Microsoft Word.

## Title and Headings

Give the article a suggested title, which the editor will use as a guide in writing the headline. Include subheadings throughout the article to improve readability.

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When drugs are mentioned, state the generic compound name and provide the trade name in parentheses after it. When discussing a category of products (glucose meters, lasers, urodynamic testing devices), provide brand-name examples of the products in parentheses.

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## Copy Editing

All submissions are edited for clarity, style and conciseness. Articles should emphasize how NPs can use the information in daily practice. The final version of the article will be e-mailed to the author prior to publication, providing an opportunity to request changes and make corrections.

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## Publication Dates

After your article is accepted for publication and edited, the editor will notify you of a *projected* publication date. This date may change according to scheduling adjustments, final page count and various other factors.

### Checklist for Submission

Make sure your submission meets these requirements:

- Send the article as an electronic file in Microsoft Word.
- Include a cover page providing names and all contact information for authors.
- Save references in the same document as the article.
- Save tables and figures separately from article.
- Include a short biographical statement for each author.
- List and number references in AMA style.
- When mentioning medications, state generic compound names and provide brand names in parentheses.
- Include permission for adaptation or use of materials published elsewhere.
- Include relevant photos or figures, with captions for each. Send photos electronically.
- Do not submit the article to another journal until you have heard from *ADVANCE* reviewers.
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