

# INFECTIONS *in* MEDICINE®

## GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

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INFECTIONS *in* MEDICINE provides the clinician with practical reports on prevention, diagnosis, public health issues, and treatment. Issues concerning cost-effectiveness and infection control are regularly addressed. By providing current, scientifically sound information, INFECTIONS *in* MEDICINE strives to improve the art and science of medicine and the quality of patient care.

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INFECTIONS *in* MEDICINE focuses on providing physicians with up-to-date, practical information on diagnosis and management of infections and of infectious complications of other medical disorders. This is done through review articles on diagnosis and management, case reports, and a series of departments written by invited experts. Readers are invited to submit review articles and case reports on any aspect of infectious disease as it pertains to clinical practice.

*Review Articles:* These should provide clinically relevant information on diagnosis and management of problems infectious disease specialists and other clinicians may encounter in their practices. See below for target audience, manuscript length, and references. Authors should base their diagnostic and treatment recommendations on their own clinical experience as well as the literature and should clearly distinguish between the two. Subjects suitable for review include, but are not limited to, the following:

#### Antibiotics

- Clinical efficacy
- Investigation & controversies
- Cost-effectiveness
- Empiric therapy
- Pharmacokinetics

#### The Infectious Agent

- Emerging diseases
- Epidemiology
- Virulence factors
- Resistance patterns

#### Medical Technology

- Laboratory diagnosis of infection
- Computer-aided diagnosis
- Drug delivery systems
- New procedures/devices

#### Clinical Problems

- Diagnostic dilemmas
- Management guidelines
- Infection control
- Nosocomial infection
- Community-acquired infection
- Virology
- Immunosuppressed patients
- Sepsis & multiple organ failure

#### Immunology

- Vaccines and immunization
- Host defense mechanisms
- The immunocompromised host
- Immunomodulators

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Rogers FP. *Fundamentals of Surgical Infection.* 3rd ed. St Louis: CV Mosby; 1978:383-395.

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