

GETTING PUBLISHED

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Introduction

Survival in academia and advancement in training depend, at least in part, on publication - 'publish or perish' - possibly more than ever before. On the other hand, publication could be said to be the lifeblood of academic life, being the medium for dissemination of ideas and advancement of knowledge, and who of those who have been successful can say they *didn't* get a buzz out of seeing their name and ideas in print?! Meanwhile, the last few years have seen a significant increase in submissions to health care education journals, so things are becoming ever more competitive. Finally, such journals are slowly 'raising the bar' in terms of standards for publication. An understanding of what makes a good paper, what the common pitfalls in writing and submitting papers are, and what goes on 'behind the scenes' of the publication process should, in theory, help increase confidence and provide inspiration to people wishing to publish. This interactive workshop is targeted both at people who are considering writing or submitting for publication, and those with some experience. A version of the workshop has been run at previous Ottawa (and other) conferences to generally very good feedback.

Aims

The aims of the workshop are:

- To share experience of getting published (or not!)
- To consider what makes a good paper
- To identify problems in getting published, including why papers get rejected
- To briefly consider some of the 'big issues' in publication, and
- To generate some guidelines for success

Format

Workshop participants will consider the following questions and issues through a series of short presentations, and group and individual exercises:

- What problems have you experienced/anticipate about getting published?
- What makes a good paper? Why do papers get accepted or rejected?
- The review process – what happens to a paper?
- Style matters
- Peer review – is it all it's cracked up to be?
- Some big issues including: authorship; ethical aspects of publication; 'salami slicing'