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### Editors Speak: MEDSURG Nursing

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**Aim, mission, and target audience** - MEDSURG Nursing, the official journal of the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses, is a scholarly journal published six times per year and dedicated to advancing adult health nursing practice, clinical research, and professional development. The journal's goal is to enhance the knowledge and skills of adult health and advanced practice nurses to prevent and manage disease, and to work with patients and their families to improve the health status of the nation's adults.

**Circulation and Indexing** – Circulation is approximately 13,000. The journal is a benefit to the members of the Academy of Medical Surgical Nursing. The journal is also available through the following indexing services: CINAHL, EBSCO Academic Search Premier, Gale, Infotrieve, Ovid, ProQuest, and PubMed.

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**Acceptance rate and time to publication** – The final acceptance rate is approximately 80% and time from submission to publication is currently about 18 months.

**Specific types of articles sought** - The journal accepts original articles: case studies, letters, descriptions of clinical care, and research. Query letters are welcome, but not required. Material must be original and never published before. Material is submitted for review with the understanding that it

is not being submitted to any other journal simultaneously.

**Noteworthy** - MEDSURG Nursing presents annual Writer's Awards to novice and experienced authors for excellence in medical-surgical nursing clinical scholarship at the annual Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses convention.

### Comments from the Editor:

*In your opinion, what distinguishes the most read or cited articles in your journal over the past few years?*

The most frequently read articles in this journal are those with direct clinical application. The majority of the journal's readers are bedside care providers who are very interested in evidence-based strategies to improve their clinical practice.

*In your experience as an editor, what are the top three reasons you reject articles?*

I reject manuscripts for poor writing. While I am very willing to mentor authors to improve their writing, I may encourage someone who appears to have poor writing skills to seek a local mentor for assistance with a manuscript revision. Some authors also opt for a chatty rather than a scholarly approach to their topics. I also reject manuscripts that rely on older sources or lack nursing references. Finally, I reject manuscripts that do not show awareness of the journal's guidelines for publication; for example, authors may fail to follow APA citation requirements or the journal's standard format for reporting research results.

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