

Journal of Nursing Law

Instructions for Authors

The *Journal of Nursing Law* was founded to serve the needs of practicing nurses in hospitals, clinics, schools, and elsewhere for solid practical advice on the legal and ethical issues that influence their jobs. In addressing these critical needs the journal benefits lawyers, risk managers, health care administrators, nursing students, and health care providers who employ nurses.

Description of Articles. Research-based articles should be 10–20 pages long and cover such topics as:

- unlicensed assistive personnel (delegation)
- the nurse's role in informed consent
- liability issues concerning documentation
- understaffing
- analysis of and mechanisms for complying with federal legislation, such as HIPAA, ADA, the Patient Self-Determination Act, and the Medical Devices Safety Act
- legal and ethical issues regarding patients and health care workers with infectious diseases
- risks of specific areas of nursing practice
- issues involving professional liability insurance
- legal and ethical trends and events in a state that would be of interest to nurses nationally
- ethical issues affecting nursing

Articles should address legal or ethical issues affecting nursing practice and include the analysis of cases, laws, and regulations. They should offer possible suggestions for decreasing nursing liability or improving patient care. Inclusion of figures and tables is recommended, where possible. The journal is interested in identifying legal and procedural trends and discussing their effects on nursing. Follow the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th Edition.

Additional Articles. Other additional articles, of varying length, will be considered on topics such as:

- letters to the editor
- book reviews
- advice or legal questions
- new laws and their effects on health care/nursing
- case studies or case law updates
- professional updates
- human interest stories
- other areas of interest related to health care law

Manuscript Guidelines

Articles should be submitted electronically using Editorial Manager: <http://www.editorialmanager.com/nl/>.

Please include a one-paragraph abstract of the article and a one-paragraph author biography; both will be included with your article in the journal. Please also supply a list of four to six keywords, which will be used for indexing. If you have any trouble uploading your manuscript, please contact Megan Hughes at mhughes@springerpub.com.