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The International Journal of Childbirth is a quarterly, peer-reviewed publication with a global focus on childbirth. The journal invites the submission of manuscripts that address research, practice, education, and theory as well as case reports, personal narratives, and commentaries on all aspects of childbirth.

The following presentation style should be observed when submitting manuscripts:

- **Clinical and Basic Science Research** articles should include an Abstract, Introduction, Material and Methods, Case History (if applicable), Results, Discussion, Conclusion, and References.
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