Request for Proposals for a Commissioned Paper


The 50th Anniversary Committee of the Emergency Nurses Association is seeking to commission a policy-focused review manuscript for the Journal of Emergency Nursing, the association’s official peer-reviewed scholarly journal.

The purpose of this anniversary commissioned review paper is to focus on publications that have informed the top three policy initiatives of enduring and ongoing impact, and continued relevance over the Association’s 50 years.

The commissioned authorship team will have access to ENA’s historian, database of 6,344 manuscripts and information on recent policy initiatives. The commissioned authorship team will be expected to review the manuscripts (and ENA artifact documents provided by the historian as available) as a historical study of policy activity and initiatives in order to select the top three themes for publication, using an evolutionary perspective. Examples of policy initiatives supported by evidence in JEN over the association’s history include workplace violence legislation, expansion of the role of the advanced practice nurse in the emergency care setting, statewide trauma system regulation and trauma injury prevention legislation.

The commissioned manuscript is to be submitted to JEN no later than August 1 and adhere to the author guidelines for review papers. Additional pages will be allowed, above the author guidelines and within reason, to support both thoroughness and conciseness. The commissioned authorship team is expected to provide the draft manuscript and meet deadlines for any requested revisions to publish the paper in the November issue of JEN.

Proposals will be received on a rolling basis from March 31 to May 15 by email to jcastner@castnerincorp.com. ENA will notify applicants of the results no later than May 31.

Please provide:

1. The proposed author(s) name, credentials, and affiliations. If more than one author, include the proposed author order.
2. Proposed timeline of activities (allow 6-8 weeks for initial peer review) with exact start date and overall duration of the project included.
3. Total funds requested for the commissioned paper (up to $5,000)
4. Statement certifying the author(s) has/have read the Journal of Emergency Nursing Author Guidelines at www.jenonline.org and will comply with the guidelines, including assigning the Copyright to the Emergency Nurses Association upon final acceptance.
5. Statement of conflict of Interest, disclosing any health policy-focused articles you might have published in JEN.
6. Statement certifying understanding that ENA may deposit a preprint of the initial manuscript on the Association’s website, at the discretion of the 50th Anniversary Committee.
7. Brief (1/2-2) page proposal of the review methods and author team qualifications to conduct the commissioned review.
8. Curriculum Vitae of proposed author(s).