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Scope

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Publication goal

NSWOC Advance/L'Avancee de L'ISPSC is published 3 times per year – Spring, Fall, and Winter. The deadline for manuscript submissions is as follows:

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August 1 (for the December issue)

November 1 (for the March issue)

All queries should be directed to the NSWOC Advance Editor-in-Chief at: nswocadvance@nswoc.ca

All manuscript submissions for consideration must be uploaded online at <http://nswoc.ca/advance/>. From here, click the box “Submit a manuscript for consideration” and follow the prompts.

Within 3 weeks of submission, the author will receive confirmation of receipt and an indication regarding suitability for peer review as the next step toward acceptance of the manuscript for publication. All manuscripts are peer-reviewed. Once peer review is completed and if the manuscript is suitable for publication, revisions will commence and the author will receive an indication as to what issue the manuscript will be published in (assuming all deadlines for revisions and proof reviews are met).

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Conflict of Interest

- Authors must state all possible conflicts of interest including financial, consultant, institutional and other relationships that might lead to a conflict of interest or bias. All sources of funding should be acknowledged in the manuscript. If there is no conflict of interest, this should also be stated as none declared.

- Industry partner submissions on basic science and disease are allowed. Studies and publications that are evaluations of skin, wound, ostomy, or continence products, will not be allowed, unless it is a randomized controlled trial.

Guidelines

The Editorial board of the *Nurses Specialized in Wound, Ostomy and Continence (NSWOC) Advance* have developed guidelines for prospective authors submissions.

Publication Categories

The Editor-in-Chief of NSWOC Advance welcomes submissions (1,000 – 5,000 words unless otherwise specified) in the form of:

- *Case studies/clinical reports* that will enhance or challenge critical thinking skills ([template for Case Study submissions being developed](#))
- *Research summaries* with a clear description of study design, study limitations, implications to practice, and declared sponsorship/affiliation
- *Innovative program descriptions/quality improvement initiatives* in the areas of wound, ostomy and continence including an outline of how the program need was identified, program development and implementation, and an evaluation of outcomes
- *Review articles/systematic review of the literature; professional development issues and ethical issue articles* facing our specialty
- *Letters to the Editor* (maximum 500 words)
- *Questions for Continence Exchange* (maximum 250 words)

Preparation of the Manuscript

- Must be submitted in English or French
- Referencing format – National Library of Medicine (NLM) Citation
https://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform_requirements.html
All material must be appropriately referenced. All submissions are subject to antiplagiarism software review.
- Title page (include complete manuscript title; author(s) full names, academic degrees, affiliations; name, address, phone number, email address of corresponding author; conflict of interest; any disclosure of funding if applicable)
- Abstract – a paragraph including:
 - Case study/clinical report – background, introduction of case, conclusions
 - Research – purpose, design, subjects and settings, methods, results, conclusions
 - Innovative programs/quality improvement – purpose, design, subjects and settings, methods, results, conclusions
 - Review article/systematic review of the literature; professional development issues and ethical issues – introduction of topic and summary of most relevant points
- Key words – provide 3 to 5 key terms, that are common to your literature review
- Key points, clinical take away
- Article must be double-spaced using a 12-point font size Times New Roman, 1” margins and submitted as a Word document

- Original photos and diagrams/images will be accepted at 300 dpi resolution or greater. For images owned by one of the authors it is the authors responsibility to ensure proper permission has been granted and a release form, verifying this, will be required.

After Acceptance

All accepted submissions go through at least 2 revisions after peer review. It is very important to have these revisions done in a timely fashion in order to meet the publisher's deadlines. If you have any questions about the revisions you are being asked to do, please reach out to the Editor-in-Chief at nswocadvance@nswoc.ca

Following completion of all revisions, page proofs will be developed. The corresponding author will be asked to check the copyedited and typeset article before publication. It is the corresponding author's responsibility to ensure that there are no errors in the proofs. Changes that have been made to conform to the NSWOC Advance publication style will stand if they do not alter the authors' meaning. At this point in the process, only the most critical changes to the accuracy of the content will be made. Stylistic changes or reworking of previously accepted content will not be allowed at this point.