

Guidance for Authors

Anaesthesia News is the official publication of the Association of Anaesthetists. We welcome articles and letters, which should be submitted to the Editor at anaenews.editor@anaesthetists.org

Anaesthesia News is a magazine and the focus is lighter than a scholarly journal; the style should, therefore, be informal. We focus on news and practical information, and we encourage the discussion of professional concerns and views.

Articles

We are interested in articles on a wide range of topics including safety, wellbeing, innovation, training, education etc. We do not publish original research or case reports, but views or opinions can be supported by previously unpublished findings (including surveys). Any such research must adhere to the usual standards of ethics approval, consent and disclosure of conflicts of interest, etc.

Articles submitted for publication are accepted on the understanding that they are original and have not been submitted elsewhere, including to websites or other journals and magazines, or copied from other sources. All submissions must be accompanied by a completed author declaration form and submitted in Microsoft Word format, with any images supplied as separate image files (see below).

Obituaries of up to 300 words may be considered.

Letters

We welcome original thoughtful, insightful, creative or amusing Letters to the Editor on topical matters. Letters should be up to 300 words.

If you intend to write to us regarding a problem with a drug or piece of equipment, in the first instance please report the matter to the manufacturer and the MHRA. While the MHRA does not respond to individual reports, we would be interested in publishing the manufacturer's response alongside your letter (please provide your manufacturer's contact; we don't ask you to obtain their response for us.)

Commissioned articles

Several times a year we publish themed issues focusing on topics of interest including safety and the environment. Issue editors will invite authors to submit relevant articles and this Guidance for Authors should be followed and relevant paperwork submitted.

Formatting of articles

Please use the *Anaesthesia News* author template which is available to download as a separate document.

Single page articles should not exceed 600 words (excluding any headline, references, further reading, tables, figures or graphs). Double page articles should not exceed 1100 words (excluding any headline, references, further reading, tables, figures or graphs). At the Editor's discretion, longer pieces may be considered.

Please submit articles in the following format: normal margins; Calibri 12 font; line spacing 1.15; page number bottom centre; language UK English.

The full name(s) of all authors together with their position/grade and hospital must be included at the foot of the article.

Tables should be included in the same file as the text, but after the References, not in the middle of the text.

Images

We encourage you to submit appropriate photographs or figures to accompany your submission. Most articles we publish are enhanced by using such images. Alternatively, we may source stock library images to complement your article.

- All images (photographs, illustrations, or figures) must be supplied as separate files (rather than embedded within the body of the file or covering email. Images should be cited in the text and numbered consecutively. Explanatory legend(s) should be provided after the Tables.
- Digital images, figures, graphs or photos should be at least 300 dpi in resolution and preferably in TIFF or JPEG format.
- Please note that the explicit, written permission of patients (see below) or third parties is required before submission of such images. Many images are subject to copyright; please state whether images are free of copyright or not. If not, please indicate who holds the copyright and whether permission to reproduce the images has been sought/granted.

References

Please insert references as numbers within square brackets at the appropriate place in the text and ensure they are listed in numerical order at the end of your submission using Vancouver format. List all authors unless there are seven or more, in which case give the first three followed by 'et al.' The journal title should be written out in full and in italics, followed by a semi-colon then a space followed by the edition number in bold then a colon then a space and finally the page numbers. The date of access to web pages should be added.

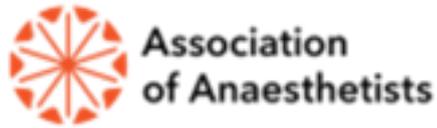
Examples:

1. Author AB, Author CD. Title of paper in sentence case so not capitals throughout. *Journal Title Written Out in Full* 2010; **12**: 123-4.

2. Title of website. Title of document, year. www.URL.co.uk/link.pdf (accessed 6/6/2021).

3. Author AB, Author CD, Author EF, et al. Seven or more authors – what's the point? (chapter title).
In: Editor GH, Editor IJ, eds. Title of Book. Place: Publisher, 2010: 345-67.

4. Author AB. Book Title, 5th edn. Place: Publisher, 2010.



Patient consent

If a patient is featured within an article, written consent must be obtained prior to submission. We do not need to receive the consent form, but we need to know it has been obtained. Consent is required even if the patient is not identifiable, and the author(s) must provide a statement mentioning that the patient has given his or her informed consent for the article to be published. (Assent for publication can be sought from next of kin if the person described in the article has died). If the individual in the article is a minor, or unable to provide consent, then consent must be sought from their parents or legal guardians. If consent is not obtained, then the Editor reserves the right to decide what information is printed.

Additional Information

- The Editor of *Anaesthesia News* reserves the right to edit or shorten articles for reasons of space or clarity.
- Please note, all articles are reviewed by members of the Editorial Board and publication is not guaranteed.
- We will confirm receipt of all submissions and keep you advised of progress. We will inform you within 2-3 weeks if your article has been accepted or rejected. If you have not heard from us in that time, please do not hesitate to get in touch via anaenews.editor@anaesthetists.org
- If you have an idea for an article but aren't sure how to get started, please contact the Editor. We are here to help!

Submission checklist:

- Manuscript via e-mail and attached as a Word document – include author name(s) and position
- Supply separate image files
- Copy of the author declaration [form](#)

If you are unsure or wish to contact us for advice, please email us at:
anaenews.editor@anaesthetists.org

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