

The Society of Pediatric Nurses is proud to offer a **mentoring** opportunity for novice authors to assist them in their first foray into publishing a clinical manuscript.

Clinical Guidelines:

1. Eligibility:

- Must be a novice author, defined as: someone who is the lead (first) author and has not published in a cited journal in the past.
- The first author is required to be an SPN member.
- The manuscript should be original and not have been previously published.

2. Potential Topic Areas:

- Quality Improvement Projects
- Leadership
- Evidence Based Practice
- Case Studies, including but not limited to: *respiratory illness, infectious diseases, and emergent conditions, being with parents when a child is dying, ethical decisions about treatment options/when to redirect care, facilitating a child's temporary discharge with a VAD until a match is found for heart transplant; or experience with advocacy for a child health cause such as vaccinations, insurance coverage, or weight control program.*
- Small research/pilot or feasibility study

3. All submissions should be emailed to the Clinical Editor, Mary Frances Pate, patecns@aol.com.

- *Manuscripts will be reviewed for appropriateness in the SPN Department Column verses submission as a full manuscript in JPN.*

4. Manuscripts should follow the following format:

- Between 2800 words min. and 4800 words max. (including tables, figures and graphs.)
- Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial Font, size 11 or greater
- Double spaced.
- APA 6th edition guidelines

5. All manuscripts will be:

- Blinded
- Peer-reviewed by two SPN volunteer leaders with manuscript publishing experience.
- Contain the following:
 - i. Introduction: Background/setting and problem/purpose or objective
 - ii. Body:



1. EBP – critique and comparison of literature, apply to local practice
 2. Study – sample, data collection and analysis of results, discussion
 3. Case Study – event, nursing role
 4. Leadership – literature review, application of techniques, strategy or process, evaluation of strategy
- iii. Summary
 - iv. Implications for practice
 - v. References