

EM Resident Submission Requirements

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Please send us Microsoft Word documents and native image files, using the following parameters:

- **GIVE PROPER CREDIT.** Include the name, credentials, title, institution, and social media tags of **ALL authors at the top of your Word document.**
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- Articles must be *at least* 700 words, not including references. There is no upper word limit; be thorough but concise.

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EMRA Style Guide for *EM Resident*

EM Resident follows the AMA Manual of Style and the *Annals of Emergency Medicine* style in most cases, although some exceptions apply:

- **EMRA:** No need to spell out Emergency Medicine Residents' Association on first reference.
- **Abbreviations:** Include abbreviations in parenthesis upon first reference. (Example: *The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) offers a workshop on leadership skills for chief residents.*)
- **Serial comma (aka Oxford comma):** Use it. (Examples: *“one, two, and three”* but never *“one, and two”*)
- **Emergency medicine:** Do not capitalize unless it's part of a proper noun, and it's OK to use EM on second reference. (Example: *The specialty of emergency medicine was approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) in 1979.*)
- **Emergency department:** Do not capitalize unless it's part of a proper noun, and it's OK to use ED on first reference. (Example: *ED visits are on the rise.*)
- **ER:** If it's part of a proper name, it's OK to keep. Otherwise the term is emergency department (not capitalized) or ED.
- **Headlines and subheadings:** Include them on your paper, please. A descriptive, engaging headline sets expectations for the reader, and subheadings are important to help readers scan quickly.
- **Take-home points, pearls, and calls to action:** All of these help readers connect with your article. Include them when it makes sense to do so.

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