EM Resident Submission Requirements

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.
- Please include a portrait of each author.
- **Do not plagiarize.** Use citations, and format your references per AMA Style.
- Do not submit your article simultaneously to any other journal.
- Medical students are welcome to submit clinical content with a physician (resident or faculty) as a co-author.
  - Non-clinical content does not require a physician co-author.
  - If you are a medical student without an EM physician mentor, please email emresidenteditor@emra.org for help.
- Articles must be at least 700 words, not including references. There is no upper word limit; be thorough but concise.

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- Send your images as separate jpg, png, tiff, or gif files – not embedded in your Word document.
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  (Email counts as written permission. And FYI: Every journal is copyrighted, as are most blogs.)
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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.
- **Health care:** Two words
- **Numerals and percentages:** Use numerals rather than long-form words, and use the percent sign.
- **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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