

EM Resident

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EM Resident Submission Requirements

Submission Requirements for *EM Resident*

Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word, using the following parameters:

- Single-spaced **without** paragraph indents. Separate paragraphs by an extra “return” line.
- Include the name, credentials, title, institution, and Twitter handle of each author.
- Include a portrait of each author.
- Do not plagiarize. Use citations according to AMA Style or use direct attribution within the text. Here’s a good primer: <http://library.nymc.edu/informatics/amastyle.cfm>.
- Articles must be at least 700 words, not including references. There is no upper word limit; be thorough but concise.

Photos/Charts/Graphs/Scans

We love them! But please handle with care.

- Send your images as separate jpg, png, tiff, or gif files.
- All images must be 300 dpi or higher (generally, file size 1MB or more).
- If you use a copyrighted photo, scan, chart, or graph, then written permission must accompany it. **No exceptions.** (Email counts as written permission. And FYI: Every journal is copyrighted, as are most blogs.)
- If you grab an image off the Internet, it must be 300 dpi or higher, and **written permission must accompany it.**

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. **Refer to the AMA Manual of Style.**

EXCEPTIONS

EMRA exceptions to AMA and *Annals* style include:

- **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.

