writing guidelines

Guidelines for writing articles for Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand

We welcome articles on subjects relevant to nurses and nursing, midwives and midwifery. These guidelines are designed to help you write an article which is accurate, clear, easily read and interesting.

The main reason you want an article is your goal. Widely used nursing/midwifery terms are acceptable, but avoid overly technical jargon. American writer, editor and teacher William Zinsser stresses the need for simplicity in writing: “We are a society strangling in unnecessary words, circular constructions, pompous frills and meaningless jargon.”


Books:
O’Connor, M. E. (2010). Freed to Care, Proud to Nurse: 100 years of the New Zealand Nurses Organisation. Wellington: Steele Roberts.

Websites:

• Submit your article via email (to coeditors@nzno.org.nz). Type with double-spacing and wide margins and include your name, address, phone number/s, current position and nursing qualifications.

• Photographs and illustrations are welcome. They need to be high-resolution, at 300dpi, and at least 200kb or more. We prefer jpeg format; send them as attachments to an email rather than in the email itself. Cartoons and diagrams are also welcome, and we can also use black and white or colour prints.

• Most clinical articles are reviewed by Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand co-editors and two clinicians with expertise in the subject the article explores. Authors will be informed of the outcome of the review and the reasons why their article was accepted, rejected, or requires more work.

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