

# PUBLICATION GUIDELINES

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

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- **Introduction:** It must include the background and current status of the research subject (contextualization), as well as the elements of justification and applicability, or the conceptual framework for understanding the article, if relevant, and finally the definition of the study objectives.

- **Methodology:** The design, population and sample shall be specified, as well as the variables studied and their measurement method, the tool/s used, a detailed description of the data collection process, any strategies to guarantee their reliability and validity, as well as the analysis plan, specifying the statistical treatment. Likewise, the ethical aspects linked to different designs will be specifically mentioned.

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- **Discussion and Conclusions:** Without repeating the data stated in the previous section, results will be discussed in comparison with other previous similar and relevant articles, highlighting any differences and similarities. The study strengths and limitations will be pointed out, as well as any potential generalization of findings, and lines of research that could be opened, as well as any recommendations for clinical practice. The conclusions must confirm whether the objective/s stated has/have been met.

- **Bibliographical references:** Any bibliography used for preparing the manuscript must appear consecutively throughout the text, using Arabic numerals and between parentheses, with the same font and size than the rest of the text. It is recommended that quotes should not have been published more than five to seven years ago; there should be at least 15 and up to 35 references for original articles. These must be referenced according to the Vancouver Rules: [https://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform\\_requirements.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform_requirements.html) in English or in Spanish: <https://www.enfermeria21.com/wp-content/uploads/Vancouver-2012.pdf>

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- **Introduction:** It must include the background and current status of the research subject (contextualization), as well as the elements of justification and applicability, or the conceptual framework for understanding the article, if relevant, and finally the definition of the study objectives.

- **Methodology:** Type of review shall be defined, as well as the descriptors used, the databases included, the search strategy, the number of articles initially found, and the number of articles finally used for the review, among others.

- **Results:** An initial brief description of the articles studied, and the subsequent presentation of the information relevant to the study objectives. Any tables, charts, graphs and images must be clear and relevant, and presented in the text in the order in which they appear. Any data shown in tables or graphs must not be repeated in the text, and only those more relevant observations should be summarized, without any discussion or interpretation of said data.

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- **Introduction:** It must include the theoretical background and current status of the research subject (contextualization), as well as the elements of justification and applicability, or the conceptual framework for understanding the article, if relevant, and finally the definition of the study objective/s.

## Description of the Innovative Educational Experience and its results:

The Innovative Educational Experience shall be described, stating specifically any key actors in the process, the steps previous to conducting the experience, and its sociocultural setting. There will be a subsequent description of outcomes, which must respond to the objective previously stated. Any tables, charts, graphs and images should be clear and relevant, and presented in the text in the order in which they appear. Any data shown in tables or graphs must not be repeated in the text, and only those more relevant observations should be summarized, without any discussion or interpretation of said data.

**Discussion and Conclusions:** Without repeating the data stated in the previous section, results will be discussed in comparison with other previous similar and relevant articles, highlighting any differences and similarities. The study strengths and limitations will be pointed out, as well as any potential generalization of findings, and lines of research that could be opened, as well as recommendations for clinical practice. The conclusions must confirm whether the objective/s stated has/have been met.

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