

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

JDPA

Journal of Dermatology for Physician Assistants



The official journal of the Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants

JOURNAL OVERVIEW

The *Journal of Dermatology for Physician Assistants (JDPA)* is a peer-reviewed publication that delivers innovative clinical, surgical, cosmetic, and professional content exclusively for dermatology PAs.

Submissions to the *JDPA* are peer-reviewed by a panel of experienced dermatology PAs, educational PAs, and dermatologists before being accepted for publication. Manuscripts submitted for publication are reviewed with the understanding that they are original and have neither been submitted elsewhere nor are being considered by other journals. Electronic submissions are accepted and should be sent to jdpa@dermpa.org.

JDPA follows the recommendations of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), the World Association of Medical Editors (WAME), and the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) for guidance on policies and procedures related to publication ethics. The policies submission requirements listed in *JDPA*'s Author Guidelines have been adopted from those three advisory bodies and, where necessary, modified and tailored to meet the specific content, audiences, and aims of *JDPA*.

EDITORIAL MISSION

The *Journal of Dermatology for Physician Assistants (JDPA)* is the official clinical journal of the Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants. The mission of the *JDPA* is to improve dermatological patient care by publishing the most innovative, timely, practice-proven educational information available for the physician assistant profession.

Manuscripts that meet our editorial purpose include, but are not limited to, original research pertaining to the field of dermatology and/or physician assistant education and practice, review articles on dermatological conditions and their treatments, case reports and studies, clinical pearls related to surgical and/or cosmetic procedures, commentaries on published literature, opinion essays on current issues, and letters to the editor.

CONTENT FOCUS

The main departments featured in *JDPA* are as follows:

- Clinical Dermatology
- Cosmetic Dermatology
- Dermatology PA News & Notes
- Professional Development
- Surgical Dermatology

Dedicated departments may comprise features or regular columns that highlight content specific to their subject matter.

JOURNAL STYLE

All aspects of the manuscript, including the formatting of tables, illustrations, and references and grammar, punctuation, usage, and scientific writing style, should be prepared according to the most current *American Medical Association (AMA) Manual of Style* (<http://www.amamanualofstyle.com>)

Author Listing. All authors' names should be listed in their entirety and should include institutional/professional affiliations and degrees held.

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Reference Formatting Guide

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Journal article with more than 5 authors

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Authored book

Griskey RG. *Transport Phenomena and Unit Operations*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.; 2005.

Edited book

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Book chapter

Worbs T, Förster R. T Cell Migration Dynamics Within Lymph Nodes During Steady State: An Overview of Extracellular and Intracellular Factors Influencing the Basal Intranodal T Cell Motility. In: Dustin M, McGavern D, eds. *Visualizing Immunity. Current Topics in Microbiology and Immunology*. Berlin, Heidelberg: Springer; 2009:71-105.

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MANUSCRIPT CATEGORIES

CLINICAL DERMATOLOGY

- **Continuing Education (CME).** Content should be specific to the field of dermatology following any of the following formats: Original research (clinical or basic science), Professional issues or health policy papers, Scholarly review of a topic. **Recommended content length:** up to 5,000 words not including references. **Requirements:** Learning Objectives (4), Statement explaining how the article addresses practice gaps, and Self-assessment post-test questions (4).
- **Dermatology Case Report.** Discuss a case(s) that illustrates an important or interesting observation. Cases should stimulate research and the exchange of information and illustrate the signs and symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of a dermatological condition. At least 15 current references are recommended. Illustrative material is preferred. Must include abstract. (1,000 to 3,000 words).
- **Clinical Dermatology PA Perspectives.** A review of published article summarizing the practical thoughts and clinical issues (250-1000 words).
- **From the Patient's Perspective.** Patients' stories published in their own words. JDPA staff can even assist patients with writing their stories (250-1000 words).
- **Clinical Snapshots.** A brief written description and clinical facts about an interesting cutaneous anomaly (250-500 words).
- **Drugs in Dermatology.** Write about the current information regarding a particular dermatological medication, drug interaction, or medication side effect/adverse reaction (250-1000 words).
- **Dermatology Evidence-Based Medicine (derm EBM).** A brief, evidence-based assessment of the one or two most relevant studies retrieved to answer a focused clinical question that may have arisen from a real-life situation. A derm EBM is not a comprehensive review of a subject or a synthesis of all the available knowledge (500–1500 words).

COSMETIC DERMATOLOGY

- **Feature Articles.** A review about a new or innovative cosmetic procedure, device, and/or approach to patient care (500-1000 words).
- **Cosmetic Pearls.** A brief article on a fact or pearl for the cosmetic setting (250-500 words).
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DERMATOLOGY PA NEWS AND NOTES

- **Feature Articles.** A review of a new or innovative dermatological procedure, device, and/or approach to patient care (500-1000 words).
- **From The Desk Of...** Write an opinion essay sharing your insight regarding a current "hot item" issue (e.g., specialty PA credentialing, dermatology access to care, supervising physician relationships, etc.) or any other topic regarding the field of dermatology (250-1000 words).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Feature Articles.** An article that explores the professional issues dermatology PAs face, such as reimbursement, education, medical trends, contracts, office management, etc. (500-1500 words).
- **Outside & Inside the 9 to 5.** Share your story of the good work that you do either outside or inside your practice of dermatology. (250-1000 words).
- **Notes From Your Office Manager.** A brief article on a fact or pearl for the office setting (250-500 words).
- **Judicial and Ethical Affairs.** An article that explores the complex or multifaceted ethical or judicial professional issues that affect the practice of dermatology for PAs (250-1000 words).

SURGICAL DERMATOLOGY

- **Feature Articles.** A review about a new or innovative surgical procedure, device, and/or approach to patient care (500-1000 words).
- **Surgical Wisdom.** A brief article on a fact or pearl for the surgical setting (250-500 words).
- **Surgical Dermatology Case Report.** A report discussing a case(s) that illustrates an important or interesting observation (500-1500 words).
- **Surgical Dermatology PA Perspectives.** Write a review of published article summarizing the practical thoughts and clinical issues (250-1000 words).

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- Font: Times New Roman font, size 12, black

- Formatting: Use double spacing throughout
- Do not include footnotes within the manuscript body
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