
INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

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Introduction

Health Prospect (Public Health Journal of Nepal Public Health Students' Society) is a unique effort of Public Health Students at Institute of Medicine Maharajgunj Medical Campus, IOM, TU to give their knowledge and ideas to a broad scientific shape. It has crossed its decade history, now we are with 11th volume of Health Prospect. It is the second publication of Health prospect as Journal with articles (original research articles, review articles, viewpoints) from students, recent graduates and teaching faculties.

Scope of the Journal

The journal publishes articles related to researches done in the field of public health, health care management, including ethical and social issues pertaining to health. The journal gives preference to socio-demographic studies relating to public health over clinical, experimental and animal studies. The Journal would publish peer-reviewed original research papers, guest editorial, viewpoint and letter to the editor solicited by the editorial board.

The Editorial Process

The manuscripts will be reviewed for possible publication with the understanding that they are being submitted to one journal at a time and have not been published, simultaneously submitted, or already accepted for publication elsewhere. On an average, 25-30% of the manuscripts are rejected by the editors before a formal peer-review starts. The Editors review all submitted manuscripts initially. Manuscripts with insufficient originality, serious scientific and technical flaws, or lack of a significant message are rejected or if good article are written poorly then author are requested to re-submit after the revision according to Journal format. All manuscripts received are duly acknowledged. Manuscripts are sent to two expert reviewers without revealing the identity of the contributors to the reviewers. Each manuscript is meticulously reviewed by the editors based on the comments from the reviewers and takes a final decision on the manuscript. The contributors will be informed about the reviewers' comments and acceptance/rejection of manuscript. Articles accepted would be copy edited for grammar, punctuation, print style, and format. Page proofs will be sent to the corresponding author, which has to be returned within three days. Non response to proof copy may delay the publication of the same article or may even get rejected from the journal.

Types of Manuscripts

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Barkovich AJ. Disorders of neuronal migration and organization. In: Kuzniecky RI, Jackson GD, editors. *Magnetic resonance in epilepsy*. New York: Raven Press; 1994. p. 235-55.

Bushby KMD, Gardner-Medwin D. The clinical, genetic and dystrophin characteristics of Becker muscular dystrophy. I. Natural history. *J Neurol* 1993; 240: 98-104.

Costa DC, Morgan GF, Lassen NA, editors. *New trends in neurology and psychiatry*. London: John Libbey; 1993.

Handwerker HO, Kobal G. Psychophysiology of experimentally induced pain. [Review]. *Physiol Rev* 1993; 73: 639-71.

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