

Renal Nutrition Forum Author Guidelines

The *Renal Nutrition Forum* is the peer-reviewed publication of the Renal Dietitians Dietetic Practice Group (RPG). The RNF is published quarterly and offers a variety of topics that pertain to nephrology nutrition and nephrology professionals.

Article topics include, but are not limited to:

- Chronic Kidney Disease (stages 1-5), adult and pediatric dialysis, renal transplant, acute kidney injury
- diabetes, cardiovascular disease, liver disease, infectious disease (HIV, Hepatitis C, etc.), obesity, disordered eating
- physical assessment
- pediatrics/adult education, health literacy, behavior change therapy
- utilization of technology in practice

Types of Articles:

- original research study
- research reviews
- case studies - individual and collaborative
- practical clinical applications
- nephrology related conference summaries
- professional skill advancement articles

Article Length:

Article Length is determined by the Editor for each specific issue.

- Feature article with abstract is approximately 3,000 words (not including tables/graphs)
- Other articles are usually 1,000-1,500 words
- Member Spotlight articles and reports are approximately 400-500 words

Text Format:

- Times New Roman Font
- 12 point
- Double Space

Tables and Illustrations:

- Tables should be self explanatory
- All diagrams, charts, and figures should be camera-ready
- Must be accompanied by a title and brief caption that clearly explains the table, chart, diagram, figure, illustration, etc.

References:

- Format should follow the same style as the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; use AMA Manual of Style 10th edition for guidance (see reference examples on next page)
- Cite references in the text using consecutive numbers in parentheses. Do not use superscript numbers.
- Type references on separate sheets at the end of the article in the order they are cited in the text, not alphabetically or chronologically.

- Abbreviate periodical titles according to the US National Library of Medicine's lists of biographic data found at: <ftp://nlmpubs.nlm.nih.gov/online/journals/lsiweb.pdf>. If a title does not appear on this list, provide the complete title.

Author Information:

- List author(s) with first name, middle initial (if any), last name, professional suffix and affiliation below the title of the article
- Include the primary author's complete contact information including affiliation, phone, and email address

Additional Instructions:

- All submissions should be sent to the editor as an email attachment (MS word file)
- The featured and advance practice articles will offer CPEU credits; therefore these article submissions must include a brief abstract, 2-3 learning objectives and 2-3 key words. The featured and advance practice articles will also be posted on the Members Only section of the RPG website (password protected)

Reference Citation Examples

Article in Periodical:

Journal article with 6 authors or less (list each author)

Iglehart JK. Bundled payment for ESRD--including ESAs in Medicare's dialysis package. *N Engl J Med*. 2011;364(7):593-595.

Journal article with 7 or more authors (list first 3, then et al)

Moe SM, Zidehsarai MP, Chambers MA, et al. Vegetarian compared with meat dietary protein source and phosphorus homeostasis in chronic kidney disease. *Clin J Am Soc Nephrol*. 2011;6(2):257-264.

Committee, Group or Institution:

US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Part II. Department of Health and Human Services. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. 42 CFR Parts 410, 413 and 414. Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System; Final Rule and Proposed Rule. *Federal Register*. 2010;75(155):49029-49214.

Book:

Institute of Medicine. *Dietary Reference Intakes: Applications for Dietary Assessment*. Washington, DC: National Academy Press; 2003.

Chapter in Book:

Dowling TC, Comstock TJ. Quantification of renal function. In: DiPiro JT, Talbert RL, Yee GC, Matzke GR, Wells BG, Posey LM, eds. *Pharmacotherapy: A Pathophysiologic Approach*. 6th ed. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill; 2005:761.

Web Site:

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Chronic Kidney Disease Executive Summary of Recommendations. Available at: <http://www.adaevidencelibrary.com/topic.cfm?cat=3929>. Accessed on February 2, 2012.

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