

# **Writing for Publication Workshop/Surgeries**

## **Guidelines, Preparation and Programme**

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## **PRE - WRITING FOR PUBLICATION WORKSHOP/ SURGERIES: GUIDELINES AND PREPARATION**

**Welcome.....**to what I hope will be your passport to getting your first publication, or for those already published some revision of the process, or perhaps making the process a bit easier for you to add yet another publication onto your c.v.

The Writing for Publication Workshop/Surgery has a double edged title and is I hope suggestive that you have my undivided attention for a total of SIX hours coaching to get practical inputs on how to successfully write for publication, as well as together as a group diagnose some common writing blocks and offer some useful 'treatments' to enable you to reach the goal you are all seeking .....getting published!

As part of this process and to use our limited time effectively I would ask you to **complete the following PRIOR to attending the workshop;**

- Read Driscoll, J. Driscoll, A. (2002) 'Writing an article for publication: an open invitation' *Journal of Orthopaedic Nursing* (6):145-152
- Complete 'Reflection Item 4' from the above article and bring with you on the day. If you are NOT able to complete all of this at least complete the FIRST PART of 'Reflection Item 4'.
- A copy of the journal you would like to publish in
- Come prepared with an idea of what you would like to publish i.e. a past assignment, an innovation or project you have worked on or, something that you feel passionately enough to publish or want others to know about.

**NB: it is not expected that you bring an article for submission on your first day.....just bring the ideas so we can help you shape and plan! Planning your ideas and structuring beforehand will save you enormous amounts of time writing.....I've been there and it's demoralising!**

(Optional) you may wish to obtain a lap-top and disk for the second workshop so you can talk and work at the same time!

I look forward to meeting you and working with you to get you published!

**John Driscoll (Facilitator)**

## ***Writing To Get Published Workshops***

**Facilitated by John Driscoll:**

- **Professional Development Consultant/Coach**
- **CPD Editor *Journal of Orthopaedic Nursing***
- **Sponsor - Novice Writer's Award *Journal of Orthopaedic Nursing***

**Workshop 1: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March & Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Venue: Board Room (Royal Bolton Hospital)**

**Workshop 2: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April & Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Venue: Seminar Room 1 Education Centre (Royal Bolton Hospital)**

**Intended aims of the 2 Half-Day Workshops will be:**

- ❖ to equip practitioners to submit written work for publication promoting not just individual practitioner authors, but in doing so more broadly disseminate best practice(s) already happening in Bolton Hospitals NHS Trust to a wider audience
- ❖ to develop a sense of shared well – being, confidence and peer support for participants considering or actively engaging in writing articles for publication in Bolton Hospitals NHS Trust
- ❖ to offer practitioners within Bolton Hospitals NHS Trust, practical ideas around how to construct a suitable article for submission and subsequent successful publishing

**Potential learning opportunities for participants during the 2 Half-Day Workshops will be:**

- ❖ to identify and suggest ways to overcome common personal resistance to successfully submitting an article for publication
- ❖ to THINK about as a group and individually, what it is you want to say BEFORE spending time on writing an article for publication
- ❖ to help plan the article as key headings in a journal style BEFORE attempting to write an article for publication
- ❖ to increase yours 'chances' of the manuscript being accepted for publication by ensuring ways in which you follow the publishers' rules....or contributors guidelines and moving from 'chance' to intention
- ❖ to obtain peer feedback and review on the evolving work to be published
- ❖ to be clear about the final preparation of the script for submission to a journal
- ❖ to clarify the publishing process following submission of your article for publication

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TIMINGS	PROPOSED INPUTS	FACILITATOR(S)
0915 - 0930	COFFEE / REGISTRATION	
0930 - 1000	Welcome Agreeing the Workshop structure	<i>John Driscoll/All</i>
1000 - 1045	<u>Workshop:</u> article planning Feedback on pre-prepared 'Reflection Item 4'	<i>John Driscoll/All</i>
1045 - 1115	<u>Workshop:</u> article planning Who is interested in what you are trying to say? Publishing 'rules' as a guideline for structuring the article?	<i>All</i>
1115 - 1130	COFFEE / NETWORKING	
1130 - 1230	<u>Planning Surgery:</u> What have you done to date? Feedback as peers and as an editor!	<i>All</i>
1230 -1300	<u>Planning Surgery:</u> How far have you come today? Implications for writing the article Agreeing actions for next time.....LAPTOPS?	<i>John Driscoll/All</i>

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0930 - 1000	<u>Workshop:</u> From 'section headings' to filling the gaps	<i>John Driscoll/All</i>
1000 - 1030	<u>Workshop:</u> Polishing the script to increase acceptance by editors ..... .....back to publishing guidelines again!	<i>John Driscoll/All</i>
1030 -1115	<u>Writing Surgery:</u> Getting the laptop out  What have you done to date?  Feedback as peers and as an editor!	<i>All</i>
1115 - 1130	COFFEE / NETWORKING	
1130 - 1230	<u>Writing Surgery:</u>  Clarifying what needs to be done and  by when	<i>All</i>
1230 - 1300	Evaluation and Closure	<i>John Driscoll/All</i>

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