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**Please read the instructions below carefully for details on the submission of manuscripts (A to D),** the journal's requirements and standards as well as information concerning the procedure after acceptance of a manuscript for publication in Journal of International Society of Preventive and Community Dentistry (JISPCD).

### **A. Ethical Guidelines**

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JISPCD adheres to the below ethical guidelines For publication and research.

**Authorship:** Authors submitting a manuscript do so on the understanding that the manuscript have been read and approved by all authors and that all authors agree to the submission of the manuscript to the Journal. *JISPCD* adheres to the definition of authorship set up by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE). According to the ICMJE criteria, authorship should be based on 1) substantial contributions to conception and design of, or acquisition of data or analysis and interpretation of data, 2) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content and 3) final approval of the version to be published. Authors should meet conditions 1, 2 and 3. It is a requirement that all authors have been accredited as appropriate upon submission of the manuscript. Contributors who do not qualify as authors should be mentioned under Acknowledgements.

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**Ethical Approvals:** In all reports of original studies with humans, authors should specifically state the nature of the ethical review and clearance of the study protocol. Informed consent must be obtained from human subjects participating in research studies. Some reports, such as those dealing with institutionalized children or mentally retarded persons, may need additional details of ethical clearance.

**Experimental Subjects:** Experimentation involving human subjects will only be published if such research has been conducted in full accordance with ethical principles, including the World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki (version, 2002 <http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm>) and the additional requirements, if any, of the country where the research has been carried out. Manuscripts must be accompanied by a statement that the experiments were undertaken with the understanding and written consent of each subject and according to the above mentioned principles. All studies should include an explicit statement in the Material and Methods section identifying the review and ethics committee approval for each study, if applicable. Editors reserve the right to reject papers if there is doubt as to whether appropriate procedures have been used.

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## B. Submission of manuscripts

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**Review Procedures:** all manuscripts are submitted to an initial review by the editor or associate editors. Manuscripts which are not considered relevant to the practice of community dentistry or of interest to the readership of Journal of International Society of Preventive and Community Dentistry (*JISPCD*) will be rejected without review. Manuscripts presenting innovative hypothesis-driven research with methodologically detailed scientific findings are favored to move forward to peer review process.

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- All submitted manuscripts are reviewed by at least two suitably qualified reviewers. Editors and reviewers involved in the review process are asked to disclose conflicts of interest resulting from direct competitive, collaborative, or other relationships with any of the authors, and remove oneself from cases in which such conflicts preclude an objective evaluation. Privileged information or ideas that are obtained through peer review must not be used for competitive gain.
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### Abbreviations, Symbols and

#### Nomenclature:

Authors can consult the following source: CBE Style Manual Committee. Scientific style and format: the CBE manual for authors, editors, and publishers. 6th ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994

**Structure** All manuscripts submitted to *JISPCD* should follow the guidelines regarding structure as below.

**Title Page:** should include a title of no more than 50 words, a running head of no more than 50 characters and the names and institutional affiliations of all authors of the manuscript should be included.

**Abstract:** All manuscripts submitted to *JISPCD* should use a structured abstract under the

headings: Objectives - Methods - Results - Conclusions.

**Main Text of Original Articles** should include Introduction, Materials and Methods and Discussion.

**Introduction:** should be focused, outlining the historical or logical origins of the study and not summarize the results; exhaustive literature reviews are not appropriate. It should close with the explicit statement of the specific aims of the investigation.

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**References** The list of references begins on a fresh page in the manuscript, using the Vancouver format. References should be numbered consecutively in the order in which they are first mentioned in the text. Identified references in the text should be sequentially numbered by Arabic numerals in parentheses, e.g., (1,3,9). Superscript in-text references are not acceptable in *JISPCD*. For correct style, authors are referred to: International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. Avoid reference to "unpublished observations", and manuscripts not yet accepted for publication. References to abstracts should be avoided if possible; such references are appropriate only if they are recent enough that time has not permitted full publication. References to written personal communications (not oral) may be inserted in parentheses in the text.

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Identifying information should not be published in written descriptions, photographs, sonograms, CT scans, etc., and pedigrees unless the information is essential for scientific purposes and the patient (or parent or guardian, wherever applicable) gives informed consent for publication. Authors should remove patients' names from figures unless they have obtained informed consent from the patients. The journal abides by ICMJE guidelines:

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- 2) If the manuscript contains patient images that preclude anonymity, or a description that has obvious indication to the identity of the patient, a statement about obtaining informed patient consent should be indicated in the manuscript.

## E. After acceptance

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