



**THE COMMUNICATOR
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Information for Authors and Article Submission Guidelines

Part One: General Information for Authors

The Communicator invites the submission of editorials, opinion perspectives, and articles intended to guide and improve dental communications. Submitted articles are accepted with the understanding that they are not under consideration elsewhere and are submitted solely to the *Communicator*. Submissions received and published by AADEJ become the copyright property of the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists in print and electronic media formats.

Mission and Vision Alignment

Submissions should reflect and support the AADEJ mission and vision:

The mission of this Association is to engage in activities that promote the advancement of all phases of dental journalism and dental literature.

Vision: "Elevating Dental Journalism and Communications."

Article Length and Review Process

- Manuscripts should typically range from **750 to 2,000 words**. Exceptions may be considered for special topics.
- Authors should anticipate feedback and be prepared to revise their work based on reviewer comments.

Letters to the Editor

- Letters must be signed and not exceed **250 words**.
- The editors reserve the right to revise letters for length and clarity.

Guidelines for AI Use

- AI tools cannot be credited as authors.
 - Authors must disclose any use of AI in generating content for their submissions. A disclosure statement should specify the tool used and its purpose. However, authors do not need to disclose the use of AI for grammar and language refinement. Authors remain fully responsible for the accuracy, integrity, and originality of their work.
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Part Two: Article Submission Guidelines

Formatting and Submission

1. **Manuscript Requirements:**
 - Submit as a **Microsoft Word file** via email.
 - Use 8.5" x 11" page size with **1-inch margins** on all sides.
 - Avoid excessive formatting, as this will be removed during typesetting.
 - Handwritten or hard-copy-only submissions will not be accepted.
2. **Submission Contacts:**
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3. **Cover Letter Requirements:**
Include a cover letter or email naming a corresponding author with full contact details (address, phone number, and email).
4. **Disclosure Statement:**
 - Authors must disclose any financial, economic, or professional interests influencing their work.
 - Use of **generative AI** (other than for grammar or editing) must also be disclosed.

Editorial Rights

- Editors may revise manuscripts for space, clarity, and style while maintaining the author's intent.
- Edited versions will be shared with authors for final review before publication.

Membership and Author Credentials

- **Membership:** Authors are encouraged to be AADEJ members.
- **Author Bio:** Provide a concise bio that includes academic credentials and affiliations along with an author headshot photo

- **Article Titles:** Titles must be descriptive yet concise. Editors reserve the right to adjust titles.

References

- Follow the **Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA)** reference style.
 - References must appear as end notes or provided on a separate page.
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Part Three: Photo and Image Submission Requirements

1. **Ownership and Permissions:**
 - Authors must confirm ownership of image rights and provide signed releases from copyright holders and individuals depicted.
2. **Image Quality:**
 - Submit high-resolution images (minimum **300 dpi**) in **.jpg, .png, or .tiff** formats.
 - Send images as separate email attachments. Avoid embedding images in text or compressing files.
3. **Web Images:**
 - Images captured from digital sources must be of sufficient resolution (300 dpi or greater) and accompanied by a user license or copyright release.
4. **Tables:**
 - Organize logically, number consecutively, and submit each table on a separate page with a title and applicable footnotes.

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