

Instructions for Authors
Journal of Japanese Society of Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Management

1. Aim and Scope

The Journal of Japanese Society of Wound, Ostomy & Continence Management is the official journal of Japanese Society of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Management (JSWOCM). The purpose of the Journal is to provide continuing education for every aspect of WOC management. The JSWOCM is an authoritative resource devoted to evidence-based nursing practices and management of patients with issues related to ostomies, urinary/ fecal incontinence, and chronic wounds including pressure ulcers, fistulas, vascular ulcers. Original peer-reviewed articles examine these topics in hospital, home, and long-term care settings. This online journal is widely publicized.

2. Author requirements

- 1) First authors must be members of the Japanese Society of Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Management. If coauthors include non-members of the society, each non-member shall pay 5,000 yen at the time of submission unless they were invited to submit papers by the editorial committee. All authors must give signed consent to publication in a letter sent with the manuscript.
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Manuscripts are published in six categories: (a) Review; (b) Original Article; (c) Short Report; (d) Case Report and (f) Others (practical report, self-opinion, interpretation and new information on various aspects of wound, ostomy & continence).

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All submitted papers are subject to blind review. Reviewers' comments will be shared with the authors. Accepted manuscripts are subject to editorial revision for clarity, punctuation, grammar, and conformity to our journal style. If substantive revision is necessary, the manuscript will be returned to the author for revision based on feedback from the editor. The final manuscript will not be returned to the author.

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Be sure to sign the “pledge and consent form” and send it to the secretariat with proofreading at the time of author proofreading.

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- 1) Manuscripts should be typed double-spaced throughout on conventional A4 (210 × 297 mm) paper. All margins should be 2.5 cm. All pages should be numbered consecutively at the bottom center, beginning with title page.
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- 6) Tables and figures should be separate from the text, with their positions indicated in the text margin.
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Sugama J, Matsui Y, Sanada H, et al. A study of the efficiency convenience of an advanced portable Wound Measurement System. *J Clin Nurs* 16: 1267-1269, 2007.

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Harding CR. Effect of moisturizing factor and lactic acid isomers on skin function. *Dry Skin and Moisturizers: Chemistry and Function*, In: Loden M eds, 229-241, CRC Press, New York, 2000.

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2000, November). Healthy people 2010: Understanding and improving health. Retrieved September 26, 2001, from <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople/>

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10. Submission of manuscripts

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Review: 8pages

Original article: 6 pages

Short report: 5 pages

Case Report: 3 pages

Report: 4 pages

Others: 3 pages

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- Supplementary Provision

These rules shall enter into effect from February 1, 2018.