

**Suggested Structure for a Research Manuscript**

Original articles reporting basic, clinical, or historic research should include objective(s), methods, results, clinical implications, and conclusions. Reports of research involving human participants must state that informed consent was obtained and institutional review board approval was obtained or was not required. Research articles should be written in first person. Following is the content outline for a research manuscript:

- Abstract (100 words or less)
- Introduction
- Statement of purpose
- Research questions/hypotheses
- Statement of significance to nursing
- Literature review
- Theoretical/conceptual framework
- Operational definitions
- Description of study design, setting, sample, sampling technique
- Description of procedures for protection of participants' rights
- Description of study procedures/methods
- Description of instruments, including measurement reliability and validity evidence
- Results/findings
- Discussion
- Limitations of study
- Recommendations for clinical practice
- Recommendations for education
- Recommendations for future research