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The Clinics publishes review articles spanning the breadth of 59 Medical and Surgical disciplines, including Veterinary, Dental, and Nursing. The intent of the series is to provide practitioners and residents the current state of the practice, addressing the key points, diagnosis, prognosis, clinical management, and complications of disease and techniques, evidence, and controversies in the field. Information for quick reference as well as in-depth coverage of a topic is a hallmark of the Clinics' series.

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SCHEDULE

OVERVIEW of Clinics' Publishing Process for Print Publications

Step 1 ACCEPT	Step 2 PREPARE MANUSCRIPT	Step 3 REVISE MANUSCRIPT	Step 4 PRODUCTION	Step 5 PAGE PROOF REVIEW	Step 6 ON PRESS	Step 7 PUBLISH
Accept invitation to author a manuscript	Write manuscript, search references, prepare figures, contact Guest Editor or Publishing Editor with questions	Submit complete manuscript to Guest Editor(s) and finalize revision requests from Guest Editor or Publisher as requested	Manuscript in production for copyediting (spelling, grammar, style, adherence to outline, etc)	Corresponding Author review of page proof, submit revisions or corrections within 2 days	Production revisions, then issue goes on press	Manuscript published on line and in print

Keeping to schedule is *crucial* in The Clinics. Practitioners, academicians, and residents value this content for its clinical usefulness and currency. Titles are promoted with publication dates in advance of publication. The work is fast and focused, and published within one year.

CRITICAL PERIODS for Authors

Manuscript preparation	Step 2	Authors are provided deadline to prepare manuscript, as directed by Guest Editor and Publishing Editor. This period is "critical" in that staying on top of the manuscript preparation throughout should make this a manageable publishing project.
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