

Author's Guidelines

Sierra Sacramento Valley Medicine

Publications include: **Sierra Sacramento Valley Medicine (SSV Medicine)**
 SSV Medicine Online

SSV Medicine is the official publication of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society. *Our focus is the life of physicians in the broadest sense.*

Archetypical medicine was philosophy: The love of knowledge. Yet our necessary devotion to the science and mechanics of medical practice is so demanding that we can lose touch with the diversity of human thought outside our profession. *SSV Medicine* offers members an opportunity to express a personal opinion, to describe an experience in the practice of medicine, to relate a travel or volunteer story, to publish a poem or short fiction, to critique a play or musical or an art show, to comment on professional, political, or legislative matters, or to vent, or challenge colleagues by means of a 'posit.'¹

We prefer to reflect our members' concerns, and interests, because no other publication does so preferentially. We try to avoid material which is promotional or commercial except through paid advertising (rates are posted on our website at www.ssvms.org). We occasionally accept an article of interest to members, from non-physicians or non-members.

Deadline for submission of articles is approximately six weeks prior to the date of publication. For example, January 15 for the March/April issue. Each bimonthly magazine usually runs 32 to 36 pages.

Space and budget usually limits articles to 3 pages or less. Below are examples of articles based on the word count, with/without a photo and 1 – 2 line heading:

- First page w/photo and 2 line heading: 425 words; 2nd page: 680 words per spread. Total 1105 words
- First page w/o photo and 2 line heading: 490 words; 2nd page: 680 words per spread. Total 1170 words
- First page w/photo and 1 line heading: 480 words; 2nd page: 680 words per spread. Total 1160 words
- First page w/o photo and 1 line heading: 540 words; 2nd page: 680 words per spread. Total 1220 words

Note: Generally, the author's photo is included with the article. However, at the option of the author, or if a photo is unavailable, it can be omitted. We also like to use the author's email address with the article.

Within our limitations, color and black and white photographs with good contrast, and graphs or tables, are welcome. Lindsay Coate, Program Director and Chris Stincelli Associate Director are available to advise or assist writers. No significant edits will be published without author approval.

Submitted articles or essays are emailed to the members of the Editorial Committee for consideration regarding publication prior to the meeting in order to provide adequate time for each committee member to review them. At the committee meeting, the articles are discussed and a decision to publish is recommended to the Editor by the majority of the committee members present at the meeting.

¹ **Posits** are strong statements intended to encourage debate or discussion. Therefore, an effective posit is seldom set forth in reasonable terms. Posits are emailed to SSVMS members only, asking for agreement, disagreement, and comment. Edited posit comments appear in the print version, and/or online. While a general result for a given posit is reported, the numbers of respondents who agree/disagree should not be considered valid polling data.

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References and Footnotes should be cited serially in the text with superscript:

- **Article references** should include the author's name, title of the article, name of the journal, volume, issue and page numbers, with the year in parentheses, as below:

1. M. Doc. Et al, "The Day We Lost Our Lunch in Davis," JAMA, 150;15:111-175 (2000).

- **Book references** should include the, author's name, title of the book, publisher, and the year in parentheses:

2. J. Walker, Complete Poems, Policewoman's Press (1999).

Questions

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