

Peer Reviewer Role, Qualifications, and Responsibilities

Peer reviewers for *Women's Healthcare: A Clinical Journal for NPs (WH)* assist the editor in chief in ensuring that journal content is credible, high quality, and relevant to our readers. Peer reviewers are selected by the editor in chief based on qualifications and ability to meet the outlined responsibilities.

Peer reviewer qualifications include being:

- A board-certified nurse practitioner or nurse-midwife
- Currently employed in practice, academe, research, or policy with a focus on women's health
- Highly knowledgeable in one or more areas of women's health or non-gyn primary care, qualitative/quantitative research methodology, statistical methods, or quality improvement project methods

Peer reviewer responsibilities include:

- Peer reviewing 2-3 manuscripts each year as needed
- Notifying the managing editor immediately if unable to review a manuscript in a timely manner
- Notifying the managing editor if your knowledge of the manuscript topic is not adequate to allow for a reliable assessment (expertise in every aspect of the topic is not required)
- Notifying the managing editor of any potential personal or financial conflict of interest and declining review when a possibility of a conflict exists
- Complying with the editor's written instructions on expectations for the scope, content, and quality of a review
- Indicating whether the writing is clear, concise, relevant, accurate, and of interest to journal readers
- Reviewing the manuscript reference list to determine if references are current and appropriate to the content, and making suggestions for any specific references that should be used
- Reporting to the managing editor any recognized ethical concerns with the manuscript (eg, plagiarism, fabricated data, substantial similarity between the reviewed manuscript and an article published in another journal known to reviewer)
- Providing thoughtful, unbiased, constructive feedback as needed for the author with a documented basis for opinions
- Recommending acceptance as is, acceptance with minor revision, need for major revision, or rejection of the reviewed manuscript – all final decisions are made by the editor in chief
- Maintaining the confidentiality of the review process
- Recommending new peer reviewers