

IACFS-ME Newsletter Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in writing for or sponsoring our Newsletter! The Newsletter is an important source of information for our members and the public about the latest news, events, commentary, and perspectives concerning ME/CFS, fibromyalgia, associated co-morbidities, and chronic fatigue in other medical conditions or life situations (e.g. aging, occupations, exercise-related). Hundreds of clinicians, researchers, patients, and other interested individuals from throughout the US and around the world read it each year. The Newsletter is published three times year: April, August, and December. Article deadlines are about a month before the publication date; write Newslettereditor@iacfsme.org for exact dates. Below are some guidelines for submitting articles; you can also read [past Newsletters](#) to get a taste of what we expect. If you have any questions or concerns and/or want to submit an article/ proposal, please write to the editor at Newslettereditor@iacfsme.org.

1. Articles that are original research or very technical should be submitted to our peer-reviewed journal [Fatigue: Biomedicine, Health, Behavior](#). Note that the the Newsletter is NOT peer-reviewed. Authors may hyperlink to their resources and/or cite a few references but a thorough and complete bibliography is not expected.
2. Commentary on research/ clinical/ public health/ policy issues, opinions/ perspectives, book reviews, history, critical reads of research articles, news, announcements, etc. are welcomed. Currently, we have a few categories we fit articles into: Board Activities (usually invited articles), In the Clinic (practical information for clinicians), Research, Medical Education, Correspondence and Perspectives, and Announcement and Events. You can advise us which category you want your article placed under but we make the final decision. If your article does not fit any of these categories, write us and we will figure out what to do.
3. Writers based in or outside the United States are welcomed as are writers of all backgrounds (scientists, clinicians, patients, supporters, lawyers, federal officials, etc.) We are not a patient advocacy group so articles whose audiences or aims are primarily patient-directed would not be appropriate. Our membership consists of many professionals. This is a grey area at times so ask if you are not sure.
4. Articles should be in Times Roman 12-pt. font and usually should be less than 3 pages long. Occasionally, we accept longer articles. We do not print whole articles in the Newsletter directly; this would clutter up the webpage too much. Rather, write us a short “teaser” (a few sentences) that tells readers what your article is about and entices them to read more. We then provide an attachment readers can click on to read your whole article. If you wish for readers to respond to your article, please have them write

to the Newsletter Editor so we can get an idea of how readers respond. E-mails will be forwarded to you as well.

5. IACFS/ME is not responsible for statements made by any contributor. Statements or opinions expressed in the Newsletter reflect the views of the author(s) and are not the official stance of IACFS/ME or the IACFS/ME Board unless otherwise stated. Mention and/or discussion of a test, treatment, procedure, product, person, website, or service in this Newsletter is not equivalent to an endorsement by this organization.

6. If you would like to advertise your company, product(s), or services in the Newsletter, please write us at Newslettereditor@iacfsme.org and we can discuss the best way to go about doing this.