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- Results (what did you find?);
- Discussion (what does it mean?);
- Conclusion, including study limitations and recommendations for further research;
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Article, literature review, conference paper

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- Discussion – to include appropriate subheadings and reference to the literature;
- Conclusion/recommendations;
- References.

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- Title;
- Abstract;
- Introduction;
- Presentation of the case including nursing care and medical treatment;
- Nursing outcomes/ implications;
- Conclusion/recommendations;
- References.

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- Title;
- Introduction;
- Unit, nurse or co-ordinator description;
- Future directions;
- Conclusion;
- References (if applicable).
- Include pictures.

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Title Page

- Title
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Abstract

- 100 – 250 words





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Manuscript

- 1500 – 5000 words
- Pages numbered, not including title page
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References

Follow American Medical Association style. This includes the following:

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