



Good Evidence Matters (GEMs) Author Instruction

The GEMs writing project is ideal for residents or faculty new to the critical appraisal and publication process. This project is perfect for authors that have some early experience in critical appraisal (through FPIN's PURLs Journal Club) and can use this writing experience as a building block for authoring FPIN's HelpDesk Answers (HDAs).

If you are converting an HDA into a GEMs summary, please review the [Converting to GEMs](#) Author Instructions.

PROPOSING A GEMs ARTICLE

1. Identify a high-quality, recent, original research article.
 - a. Preferably select a systematic review/meta-analysis, RCT, or cohort trial. Authors are discouraged from selecting practice guidelines.
 - b. Original research article should **not be older** than 3 years
 - c. Can select an article from this list of journals, or an indexed primary care journal
 - NEJM
 - JAMA
 - Lancet
 - American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology
 - Pediatrics
 - Annals of Emergency Medicine
 - Annals of Family Medicine
 - Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
 - BMJ
 - Journal of the American College of Cardiology
 - Annals of Internal Medicine
 - Chest
 - Obstetrics and Gynecology
 - Clinical Journal of Sports Medicine
2. Request approval to summarize original research article from FPIN.
 - a. You will log into the EMS to upload the full-text PDF copy of your chosen article and send it in for approval. Please have your citation and PMID number readily available for this process. Click [HERE](#) to view step-by-step instructions on how to use the EMS system.
 - b. If the article proposed is not already summarized and meets the criteria of approved articles, you will receive an approval notice within two weeks. Articles will be rejected if the program submits above its allotted capacity.

Note: GEM Editors reserve the right to reject any GEM topic even after approval has been granted. If rejected, the editor will provide a clear explanation as to why it was rejected.

WRITING & SUBMITTING YOUR GEMs SUMMARY

1. Complete the GEMs critical appraisal worksheet and summary table. The worksheets and tables can be downloaded through the FPIN website.
 - a. Review the original research article and complete the critical appraisal worksheet
 - b. Follow the instruction on the specific GEMs table template
 - c. Key considerations for summarizing the original research into the GEM table:
 - i. Do not use the abstract to fill out your table – this will help avoid any plagiarism issues, and provide a more detailed, accurate summary.
 - ii. Present as much detail as concisely as possible (follow the instructions on the summary table provided)
 - iii. Always provide the statistics in a user friendly fashion
 1. Use confidence intervals, Number Needed to Treat, Likelihood ratios, etc
 - iv. Try to keep your word count to 500 words max
2. Once the work is complete, please submit the following to FPIN:
 - a. PDF copy of original article
 - b. GEMs Critical Appraisal Worksheet
 - c. Summary Table

All documents **MUST** be submitted through the EMS. Click [HERE](#) to view step-by-step instructions on how to submit your work.

REVIEW PROCESS & NEXT STEPS

1. The Local Editor will first review, provide edits and recommendations to the author. Authors will need to respond to all comments in the document and make any necessary revisions.
2. Further edits will be done by an FPIN Deputy Editor, who will work with the Local Editor. Any comments or feedback must be addressed by the author and resubmitted within **two weeks**. All GEMs authors must adhere to [FPIN's Due Date Extension Policy](#).
3. Once the final GEMs summary is completed, it will be disseminated via email newsletter to the entire FPIN network.

For detailed explanation of the editorial process, please read the [GEMs Editorial Expectations](#) document.