



## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

### ***JGIM SPECIAL ISSUE ON VA RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH***

The Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) and Department of Veterans Affairs invite submissions to a targeted special issue to the *Journal of General Internal Medicine (JGIM)* of issues relevant to Women's Health. **Papers should be submitted via JGIM's current procedures\* between June 1 and December 31, 2004. The research described must have taken place in VA settings or primarily involve women veterans, although non-VA investigators may submit manuscripts for consideration.** All submissions will be peer reviewed. The goals of the theme issue are to 1) present the highest quality information on the health and healthcare delivery issues affecting women veterans, 2) highlight research on VA organizational changes to improve access to and quality of VA women's health care, and 3) provide insight for VA and non-VA clinicians, policy makers and researchers who are seeking strategies for delivering high quality care to women.

\* see: <http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/journals/JGI/submiss.htm>

#### SEVEN TYPES OF SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED:

##### **1. Original Articles**

No longer than 3000 words describing original research, with frugal use of tables and figures and a structured abstract of no more than 250 words.

##### **2. Brief Reports**

No longer than 1500 words with no more than 2 tables or figures and 20 references and a structured abstract of no more than 200 words. Brief Reports are short descriptions of original research and have the same prestige as regular length original articles.

##### **3. Educational Innovations**

No longer than 2,000 words. No more than 2 tables or figures. A focused bibliography should not exceed 30 references and an unstructured abstract of no more than 150 words.

##### **4. Perspectives**

No longer than 3000 words and 4 tables or figures and a brief abstract of no more than 100 words. Written to provide the author's views or ideas regarding women's health.

##### **5. Reviews**

No longer than 3000 words, with a structured abstract of a maximum of 250 words. These should be either traditional or systematic reviews or meta-analyses of important topics related to women's health.

##### **6. Resource Papers**

Summaries of resources such as research materials, funding sources for women's health, opportunities for special training in research and education in women's health, etc. They should be concise and useful to clinicians, investigators, or teachers with interests in advancing women's health. A brief abstract (maximum 100 words) is required, and additional material can be published in the online *JGIM*.

##### **7. Recommendations / Guidelines**

No longer than 3000 words. Systematically developed, evidence-based clinical guidelines or consensus guidelines for medical education. A brief abstract (maximum 100 words) is required, and additional material can be published in the online *JGIM*.

We hope to publish in the range of 9-10 articles describing original research in this *JGIM* VA Supplement on Women's Health. Manuscripts will be evaluated by a highly qualified team of Supplement Co-Editors and Reviewers who will assess their contribution to improving the quality of care and outcomes among women receiving care in VA settings.

This special supplement provides an opportunity for young faculty to begin their careers as scholars and to have their work reviewed by distinguished clinicians, educators, and scientists. All authors will receive suggestions on how to improve their work, perhaps for publication in this supplement or in an effort to mentor young faculty members to enhance future publication of their work.

Those members of SGIM presenting posters or abstracts at the 2004 National SGIM Meeting in Chicago, IL and the 2004 National VA HSR&D Meeting describing research on women's health and/or care in VA settings should consider submitting a manuscript for consideration for publication in the *JGIM VA Women's Health Supplement*.

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