Abstract

The objective of this manuscript is to give the novice hippotherapy researcher some guidance in preparing an article for publication. Some researchers are of the mistaken opinion that if they simply express their ideas, the editor will do the rest. This could not be further from the truth. The article must follow carefully the guidelines of the journal to which the article will be submitted. For researchers who publish frequently, this will mean anywhere from three to eight drafts of the complete paper, with each iteration improving upon the details of the document. The typical sections of a paper include the following areas: abstract, introduction, literature review, the purpose of the study, the research hypothesis or question, methods, results, discussion, conclusion, references, and acknowledgements. This paper will conclude with some practical tips to remember when writing a paper for publication.