

Editorial policy and ethical considerations of “Standardy Medyczne Pediatria”, incompliance with Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement requirements

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2. The journal's owner and publisher

Publishing house Media-Press sp. z o.o. (address: ul. Powstańców Śląskich 26a, Warsaw 01-381, Poland) is the owner of “Standardy Medyczne Pediatria”. The publisher's details and contact information are available at www.standardy.pl under the “Contact” link and in the webpage's footer.

3. Title and description of the journal

The journal's title is “Standardy Medyczne Pediatria”.

Standardy Medyczne Pediatria is a bimonthly journal presenting current guidelines and standards of care, reports from the international journals of novelties in clinical practice, clinical discussions, reviewing both everyday clinical problems as well as developing and updating knowledge in areas where significant changes occur. The subject of the published articles are also discussions and the results of large research projects, original works, and other publications in the field of law, psychology, cooperation with pharmaceutical industry and other areas related to medicine.

The journal is addressed to physicians specializing in pediatrics and neonatology, as well as other related areas: allergology, gastroenterology, endocrinology, pulmonology, nephrology, hepatology, vaccinology, dietetics, laryngology, genetics, cardiology, oncology, hematology, dentistry, surgery, psychiatry, psychology.

The authors of the articles are distinguished experts in the field of pediatrics and neonatology from Poland and abroad. Articles are subjected to two independent reviews.

Standardy Medyczne Pediatria have been published since 1999.

The journal have a Digital Identifier: DOI:10.17443/SMP

4. Website

The publisher did its utmost to ensure that all the information at www.standardy.pl is thoroughly prepared in accordance to the available knowledge and that it meets substantive and ethical standards.

5. Publication frequency.

“Standardy Medyczne Pediatria” is a bimonthly journal. There are 6 issues published a year. The editorial team does its best to ensure that the issues are published on appropriate and predictable dates.

6. Authors' responsibility

- Publication in the journal is charge free.
- Authors are obliged to participate in the editing process, including correction of factual errors found during the review and stylistic corrections suggested by a proofreader (details are described in the publication and review guidelines).
- Authors are obliged to submit a declaration, stating that:
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 - the study and/or the paper's preparation was not financed; otherwise any funding must be detailed;

Authors' declaration template is publicly available on the journal's website.

7. Review process

Review process is described in the review process rules section below.

8. Ethical considerations

Based on COPE's Best Practice Guidelines.

- Authors of original papers declare that the work described has been carried out in accordance with The Code of Ethics of the World Medical Association (Declaration of Helsinki) and that the studies were approved by a bioethical committee and were conducted with respect to the local law. If the editor or the reviewer of paper have doubts regarding the ethical aspects of the work, they may request a copy of the bioethical committee approval.
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10. Access to papers

- The journal is distributed to paying subscribers. Besides, the journal's content is available at the journal's website for a fee (new papers) or free of charge (older content).

11. Archiving of submitted manuscripts

If the journal were to close all its content will be archived on the servers of the publishing house Media-Pres sp. z o.o. All published papers are available as digital copies in reading rooms of Polish National Library.

Publication guidelines

1. „Standardy Medyczne Pediatria” publish the following types of manuscripts:

- papers presenting recommendations of scientific societies or expert groups;
- original papers describing the results of clinical/scientific studies, preferably full or preliminary results of studies funded by institutional, national, statutory etc. grants;
- review articles;
- meta-analyses and systemic reviews;
- scientific reports;
- case studies.

2. Scope of the journal

“Standardy Medyczne Pediatria” publish papers in the field of pediatrics (including subspecialties), clinical psychology, public health management, law, medical ethics etc. Original papers help develop and widen medical knowledge. The journal is directed to pediatricians working in hospitals of any referral level, GPs, neonatologists, physicians of other, related specialties and to medical students

3. Formal and legal requirements

Submission of a manuscript is tantamount to a declaration that:

- the paper has not been previously published;
- all the authors accepted the final version of the manuscript and agree to its publication in “Standardy Medyczne Pediatria” and at the journal's website;
- the work described has been carried out in accordance with The Code of Ethics of the World Medical Association (Declaration of Helsinki) and that the study was approved by a bioethical committee and was conducted with respect to the local law.

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If the work was financed or cofinanced it should be clearly stated together with information on the source of funding (clinical trial, statutory, institutional, national or other grants).

Submitted manuscripts are anonymized and submitted to at least two reviewers. The editorial team has a right to publish a comment to a paper.

4. Manuscript preparation

- Manuscripts are accepted in text files in „.doc” format (compatible with WinWord).
- Manuscripts submitted as PDF files are not accepted.
- The length of a manuscript should not exceed 12 pages. In some cases, the editorial team can make an exception and accept longer manuscripts.
- The manuscripts should be in A4 format with double interline space and 2,5 cm margins on both sides.
- The pages should be numbered, beginning with the title page.
- Suggested highlighted words or sentences should be marked in bold.
- Generally used medical abbreviations are accepted. They should be explained the first time they appear in the main text.
- References, figures and tables – see below.

5. Layout

Manuscript should contain the following sections:

- title page;
- abstract and key words in Polish and English;
- main arguments of the paper;
- main text;
- compendium;
- acknowledgements;
- references;
- description of tables and figures;
- figures, photos and tables.

6. Title page

The following items should be written on the first page of the manuscript:

- title of the paper, both in Polish and in English;
- full names of all the authors together with their academic titles, a number denoting their affiliation and a letter denoting the person's contribution to the preparation of the manuscript (see the authorship section);
- names of organization with which the authors are affiliated marked with consecutive numbers;
- the corresponding author's address and, obligatorily, e-mail address;
- information regarding external funding if present.

7. Authorship

In case of manuscripts prepared by more than one person, the order of authors should reflect their engagement and responsibility for the paper's preparation. On the title page next to each authors' name there should be a letter denoting his or her contribution according to the following categories:

- A. study design;
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Key words should be placed below the abstract, both in Polish and in English. There should be 3 to 5 key words chosen using Medical Subject Headings Index Medicus (available at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/meshhome.html>). The editorial team retains the right to choose the key words on its own.

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Original papers should be divided into the following sections: objectives, materials and methods, results and conclusions.

Review articles and case studies can have different types of sections and subsections.

11. Acknowledgements

Acknowledgements are accepted and should be placed below the main body of the paper. Only people who helped conduct the study should be acknowledged.

12. References

- References should be numbered consecutively in the order of their occurrence in the text. They should be placed at the end of the manuscript.
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- Submitted manuscripts are initially assessed by the journal's editors.
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