



## Journals for Publishing Dementia HCBS Research

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### **Motivation**

This journal list was developed by the NIA-funded U24 [Community Care Network for Dementia](#) (CaN-D). CaN-D's goal is to accelerate *measurement of dementia home- and community-based services* and innovative research. This journal list can help you identify candidate journals to submit your manuscripts for peer-review. Much of the information in this document is pasted verbatim from journal websites without quotes. Note that this list of journals may not be exhaustive and will be updated periodically. Please send any feedback to CaN-D's director, Dr. Regina Shih at [rashih@emory.edu](mailto:rashih@emory.edu).

### **RESOURCES FOR FINDING A JOURNAL**

#### **1. Scimago Journal & Country Rank**

Provides topically-similar journals to a target journal indicated by "% similar" to a target journal  
<https://www.scimagojr.com/>

#### **2. Journal Suggesters**

Websites at which one can paste an abstract to find target journals.

<https://researcher.life/journal>

<https://journalfinder.elsevier.com/>

<https://journalfinder.wiley.com/search?type=match>

<https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/publishing-your-research/choosing-a-journal/journal-suggester/>

<https://jane.biosemantics.org/>

## **JOURNALS**

### **1. Aging and Mental Health**

- Impact factor: 3.4 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 25 days
- *Aging & Mental Health* is an international peer-reviewed journal focused on the biological, psychological and social effects of aging on mental health.
- Types of articles published
  - o Original article
  - o Review
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - o No more than 7000 words for quantitative papers, 8000 words for qualitative papers inclusive of figures, tables, and references.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - o [Use of motivational techniques to enhance unpaid caregiver engagement in a tailored skills training intervention](#)
  - o [Unexpected lucidity in dementia: application of qualitative methods to develop an informant-reported lucidity measure](#)
  - o ['It makes life worthwhile!' Peer mentoring in long-term care—a feasibility study](#)

### **2. American Journal of Managed Care (78% similar to HSR)**

- Impact factor: 3.2 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 2 months
- *The American Journal of Managed Care* is the leading peer-reviewed journal dedicated to issues in managed care. AJMC.com distributes healthcare news to leading stakeholders across a variety of platforms.
- Types of articles published
  - o Original research
  - o Review articles
  - o Insights
  - o Trends from the Field
  - o Case Description
  - o Editorials
  - o Letters
- Author Guidelines for selected types of articles
  - o Original research: <3000 words (excluding abstract, references, tables, etc). These should contain no more than 5 combined graphic elements (tables/figures) and no more than 50 references.
  - o Review articles: <3000 words, should present a thorough synthesis of the literature and offer new insights and/or recommendations on how to improve the standard of care. These should contain no more than 5 graphic elements and no more than 50 references.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - o [Evaluating Hardships Faced by Elderly Americans Requiring Long-Term Care and Support](#)
  - o [Dr Alvaro Pascual-Leone Discusses Disparities in Alzheimer Disease Research](#)
- Relevant companion journals
  - o [The American Journal of Accountable Care](#)

### 3. Archives of Public Health

- Impact factor: 3.3 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 16 days
- *Archives of Public Health* is a broad-scope public health journal, dedicated to publishing an all-sound science in the field of public health. The journal aims to better the understanding of the health of populations. The journal contributes to public health knowledge, enhances the interaction between research, policy and practice, and stimulates public health monitoring and indicator development.
- Types of articles published
  - o Research
  - o Comment
  - o Correspondence
  - o Methodology
  - o Study protocol
  - o Systematic review
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - o Research articles should report on original primary research
  - o A Comment is a short, narrowly focused articles of contemporary interest and usually take one of two forms: a discussion of an article or trial that was recently published or that is soon to be published, and that is interesting enough to warrant further comment or explanation. The second form is more editorial in nature and covers an aspect of an issue that is relevant to the journal's scope, for example discussion of the impact of new technology on research and treatment.
    - A maximum of ten articles may be included in the references.
  - o Correspondence articles generally take one of the following forms:
    - A substantial re-analysis of a previously published article in Journal Name or in another journal.
    - An article that may not cover 'standard research' but that is of general interest to the broad readership of Journal Name.
    - A brief report of research findings adequate for the journal's scope and of particular interest to the community.
  - o Methodologies should present a new experimental or computational method, test or procedure. The method described may either be completely new, or may offer a better version of an existing method. The article must describe a demonstrable advance on what is currently available.
  - o Study protocol articles will only be considered for proposed or ongoing trials that have not completed patient recruitment at the time of submission.
  - o Systematic reviews should be titled in the style "The effectiveness of audit and feedback: a systematic review." The background to the area should be stated, what is already known, and why a systematic review is needed. Then search strategy should then be described, including the databases searched, inclusion and exclusion criteria, the data extraction methods, and the proposed methods of data aggregation and analysis. The results should be presented and their interpretation and implications discussed.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - o [Towards universal health coverage in the context of population ageing: a narrative review on the implications from the long-term care system in Japan](#)

- [Prevalence of dementia, heart disease and stroke in community-dwelling adults in Canada, 2016–2021: opportunities for joint prevention](#)
- [Feasibility of a community-adapted multi-domain intervention for dementia prevention among older adults: a research protocol](#)

#### 4. BMC Health Services Research

- Impact factor: 2.8 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 24 days
- *BMC Health Services Research* is an open access, peer-reviewed journal that considers articles on all aspects of health services research. The journal has a special focus on digital health, governance, health policy, health system quality and safety, healthcare delivery and access to healthcare, healthcare financing and economics, implementing reform, and the health workforce.
- Types of articles published
  - Research article
  - Database article
  - Software article
  - Study protocol
  - Review
  - Matters Arising
  - Comment
  - Systematic Review
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - No word count limits provided. General guidelines for manuscript sections are provided by article type.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [Factors affecting residents transition from long term care facilities to the community: a scoping review](#)
  - [How to implement person-centred care and support for dementia in outpatient and home/community settings: Scoping review](#)
  - [Influences on the access to and use of formal community care by people with dementia and their informal caregivers: a scoping review](#)
- Relevant companion journals: [BMC Public Health](#), [BMC Nursing](#), [BMC Primary Care](#)

#### 5. Health Affairs

- Impact factor: 9.7 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: two to three days
- *Health Affairs* explores health policy issues of current concern in domestic and international spheres. Its mission is to serve as a high-level, nonpartisan forum to promote analysis and discussion on improving health and health care, and to address such issues as cost, quality, and access. The journal reaches a broad audience that includes: government and health industry leaders; health care advocates; scholars of health, health care and health policy; and others concerned with health and health care issues in the United States and worldwide.
- Types of articles published
  - Research article
  - Analysis
  - DataWatch
  - Review article

- GrantWatch
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - Research article: 2,000 to 5,000 words, up to 4 exhibits (tables and figures)
    - Research articles can be:
      1. Based on original/primary research or secondary research
      2. Descriptive or analytical
      3. Quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods
      4. Case studies
  - Analysis: 3,000 to 5,000 words, up to 4 exhibits (tables and figures)
    - Analysis papers draw on known facts/data and existing research relevant to a particular policy question with the aim of answering or promoting understanding of the question. These papers can include but are not limited to formal policy analysis. Analysis papers are expected to draw conclusions based on clear reasoning from known evidence, reflect a complete and current understanding of that evidence, and be responsive to counter arguments.
  - DataWatch
    - 2,000 words or less, up to 6 exhibits
    - DataWatch articles are short papers that highlight data that "speak for themselves" relative to important policy issues or topics. They should shed light on some important question and be "worth knowing." They do not typically test hypotheses, rely on sophisticated statistical methods, or include lengthy policy discussions.
  - Review Article
    - 4,000 to 5,000 words, up to 4 exhibits
    - This category covers systematic and literature reviews and meta-analyses.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [A National Examination Of Long-Term Care Setting, Outcomes, And Disparities Among Elderly Dual Eligibles](#)
  - [Home And Community-Based Workforce For Patients With Serious Illness Requires Support To Meet Growing Needs](#)
- Relevant companion journals: [Health Affairs Scholar](#)

## 6. Health Services and Outcomes Research Methodology (HSORM)

- Impact factor: 1.5 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 11 days
- *Health Services and Outcomes Research Methodology* publishes: Research papers on quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods; Case Studies describing applications of quantitative and qualitative methodology in health services and outcomes research; Review Articles synthesizing and popularizing methodologic developments; Tutorials; Articles on computational issues and software reviews; Book reviews; and Notices. Special issues will be devoted to papers presented at important workshops and conferences.
- Types of articles published
  - Research papers on quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods
  - Case Studies describing applications of quantitative and qualitative methodology in health services and outcomes research
  - Review Articles synthesizing and popularizing methodologic developments
  - Tutorials
  - Articles on computational issues and software reviews

- Book reviews
- Notices
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - Typical manuscript length should be about 30 double spaced pages, with 40 pages as a suggested upper bound for the body of the manuscript. Tables, graphs, and computer code will add to the length of the manuscript.
  - Tutorials: Primary audience will use the tutorials as guides for analysis, learning tools, and teaching tools.
    - An outline of the paper should be submitted to the managing editor of the tutorial within 3 months. Invitations to write a tutorial will be considered void if an outline is not submitted within a reasonable period of time.
  - Case Studies: Should be built around a significant example of an application of statistical methodology in a study.
    - The length of a typical case study manuscript should be 40 pages on average, with additional space for tables, figures, and computer code.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [An Exploratory Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of the Connected Health Intervention to Improve Care for People with Dementia: A Simulation Analysis](#)
  - [Propensity scores for proxy reports of care experience and quality: are they useful?](#)

## 7. Health Services Research

- Impact factor: 3.734 (?)
- Submission to first decision: a few weeks
- Published six times a year plus two special supplements, Health Services Research (HSR) is HRET's flagship publication and an official journal of AcademyHealth. Rated as one of the top journals in the field, HSR publishes outstanding articles reporting the findings of original investigations that expand understanding of the wide-ranging field of health care and help improve the health of individuals and communities.
- Types of articles published
  - Research articles
  - Research briefs
  - Methods articles and methods briefs
  - Commentaries – invitation only
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - Research articles: 4,500 word limit, 300 abstract word limit, 5 figures/tables (combined)
  - Research briefs: 2,500 word limit, 200 abstract word limit, 3 figures/tables (combined)
  - Methods articles: 4,500 word limit, 300 abstract word limit, 5 figures/tables (combined)
  - Methods briefs: 2,500 word limit, 200 abstract word limit, 3 figures/tables (combined)
  - Commentaries: 1,250 - 2,500 word limit
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [Nursing home admissions for persons with dementia: Role of home- and community-based services](#)
  - [The effect of direct cognitive assessment in the Medicare annual wellness visit on dementia diagnosis rates](#)

## 8. Innovation in Aging

- Impact factor: 7.0 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 30 days

- Innovation in Aging is an open access journal of The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) that publishes conceptually sound, methodologically rigorous research studies that describe innovative theories, research methods, interventions, evaluations, and policies relevant to aging and the life course.
- Types of articles published
  - o Original research articles
  - o Original reports
  - o Latest discoveries
  - o Scholarly reviews
  - o Invited articles
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - o Original research articles present conceptually sound, methodologically rigorous, hypothesis-driven studies relevant to aging and the life course
    - 6,000 words for abstract and text; tables, figures, and references are limited to a total of 10 additional Word pages.
  - o Original reports are more narrowly focused than Original Research articles and therefore of shorter length.
    - 4,000 words for abstract and text; tables, figures, and references are limited to a total of 10 additional Word pages.
  - o Latest discoveries report novel, provocative findings from pilot studies. Sample sizes may be small but should have sufficient statistical power to test the main hypotheses of the study.
    - 4,000 words for abstract and text; tables, figures, and references are limited to a total of 10 additional Word pages.
  - o Scholarly Reviews present novel analyses of existing data or published findings that provide new insight into the state of the literature on a topic relevant to aging and the life course. These articles provide a systematic, unbiased review and appraisal of interdisciplinary literature relevant to the topic.
    - 8,000 words for abstract and text; tables, figures, and references are limited to a total of 10 additional Word pages.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - o [State Generosity in Home- and Community-Based Services \(HCBS\): Variations and Impact on Dementia Outcomes](#)
  - o [Unmet Need Among a National Sample of Older Adult HCBS Users](#)
  - o [Characteristics and Care Experiences of Older Dual-Enrollees Living in Areas with Medicaid Managed LTSS](#)
- Relevant companion journals
  - o [The Gerontologist](#), [The Journals of Gerontology: Series A](#), [The Journals of Gerontology: Series B](#), [Public Policy & Aging Report](#)

## 9. Journal of Aging and Social Policy

- Impact factor: 5.1 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 14 days
- The *Journal of Aging & Social Policy* presents insightful contributions from an international and interdisciplinary panel of policy analysts and scholars. The journal examines and analyzes critical phenomena that affect aging and development and implementation of programs for elders from a global perspective, highlighting not only the United States but also Europe, the Middle East, Australia, Latin America, Asia, and the Asia-Pacific rim. Issues regularly addressed in the journal

include: long-term services and supports; home- and community-based care; nursing-home care; assisted living; long-term care financing; financial security; employment and training; public and private pension coverage; housing; transportation; health care access, financing, and quality; family dynamics; and retirement. In addition to major issues associated with growing older, the *Journal of Aging & Social Policy* closely examines the processes for adopting policies and programs at the local, state, and federal levels, examining the interplay of political and economic forces and legal and regulatory constraints on addressing the major challenges posed by the “greying” of society.

- Types of articles published
  - o Research article
  - o Brief reports
  - o Commentary
  - o Syntheses
  - o Book reviews
  - o Perspectives
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - o Research articles, brief reports, and syntheses should include the following sections: title/abstract, introduction, methods, results, discussion, conclusion, references, and any figures/tables; a limitations subsection should be included at the end of the discussion. Commentaries, book reviews, and Perspectives should be written in an essay format.
  - o Research articles and commentaries should not be longer than 22 pages, including text, references, figures and tables; qualitative research articles may be up to 27 pages. Brief reports should be no longer than 12 pages. Book reviews are typically between 500 and 1,500 words. Syntheses may be up to 32 pages. Lengthier manuscripts may be considered at the discretion of the Editor.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - o [Factors influencing the demands for home and community-based care services among older adults living alone in China](#)
  - o [Age Differences in Determinants of Self-Rated Health among Recipients of Publicly Funded Home-and-Community-Based Services](#)
  - o [People Living with a Dementia Diagnosis with No Eldercare at all: Who Are They?](#)

## **10. Journal of Applied Gerontology**

- Impact factor: 3 (2023)
- Submission to first decision: 8 weeks
- *Journal of Applied Gerontology (JAG)*, peer-reviewed and published monthly, provides an international forum for information that has clear and immediate applicability to the health, care, and quality of life of older adults. It brings you comprehensive coverage of all areas of gerontological practice and policy, such as caregiving, death and dying, long-term services and supports, and more.
- Types of articles published
  - o Original research articles
  - o Systematic reviews
  - o Brief reports
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - o Original research articles: The body of the text must be under 6,000 words (including abstract and references).

- Systematic reviews/meta-analyses: The body of the text must be under 6,000 words (including abstract but NOT including references).
- Brief reports: The body of the text must be under 2,500 words (including abstract and references).
- Tables and figures may not exceed seven (7) pages.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [HCBS Service Spending and Nursing Home Placement for Patients With Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias: Does Race Matter?](#)
  - [Access and Use of Services by Caregivers of Older Adults: A Scoping Review of Cultural and Linguistic Diversity](#)
  - [Barriers to Community Service Use Among Persons With Dementia and Their Care Partners: A Focus on Consumers of a Novel Statewide Dementia Care Program](#)

### 11. Journal of the American Geriatrics Society

- Impact factor: 6.3 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 8 days
- The *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society (JAGS)* is the go-to journal for clinical aging research. We provide a diverse, interprofessional community of healthcare professionals with the latest insights on geriatrics education, clinical practice, and public policy—all supporting the high-quality, person-centered care essential to our well-being as we age. Since the publication of our first edition in 1953, *JAGS* has remained one of the oldest and most impactful journals dedicated exclusively to gerontology and geriatrics.
- Types of articles published
  - Clinical investigations: these are reports of investigator-initiated research that presents new information. Information that is already available in textbooks or as common knowledge will not be considered for review.
  - Brief reports are of two types. One includes clinical-investigation or clinical-experience articles reporting data on narrowly focused or limited findings. The second includes methodological reports on the validation and/or use of a variety of self-reported, administered, or performance-based measures and scales that assess physical, functional, mood, cognitive, and social domains; the utility of a new method or approach to investigate a clinical or health problem in older people; or an innovative model or design to research issues related to healthcare delivery and service.
  - Review articles are of two types: Clinical Reviews, and Systematic Reviews or Meta-Analyses. These articles require a complete systematic search of the literature, focusing on, but not necessarily limited to, the last 5 years of published literature.
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - Clinical investigation, clinical review article, systematic review or meta-analysis: 3500 words, 5 tables and figures total
  - Brief report: 2000 words, 3 tables and figures total
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [Changing places: Longitudinal trends in living arrangements of persons living with dementia](#)
  - [Medicaid home and community-based services spending for older adults: Is there a “woodwork” effect?](#)
  - [Use of long-term services and supports among dual-eligible beneficiaries with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias](#)
- Relevant companion journals: [Geriatric Nursing](#), [Journal of Gerontological Nursing](#)

## 12. JAMA Health Forum

- Impact factor: 11.5 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 5 days to first decision, 44 days to review
- *JAMA Health Forum* is an international, peer-reviewed, online, open access journal that addresses health policy and strategies affecting medicine, health, and health care. The journal publishes original research, evidence-based reports, and opinion about national and global health policy; innovative approaches to health care delivery; and health care economics, access, quality, safety, equity, and reform. Health policy leaders contribute timely and insightful commentary via the JAMA Forum, and news briefs cover major reports released by government agencies, foundations, health policy think tanks, and other policy-focused organizations. *JAMA Health Forum* is a member of the JAMA Network, a consortium of peer-reviewed, general medical and specialty publications. The journal also presents curated health policy content from across the JAMA Network, including *JAMA*, *JAMA Internal Medicine*, and other JAMA Network journals.
- Types of articles published
  - o Original investigation
  - o Brief report
  - o Research letter
- Author Guidelines for selected types of articles
  - o Original Investigation: 3000 words, ≤5 tables and/or figures
  - o Brief Report: 1200 words, 15 references, ≤3 tables and/or figures
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - o [The Natural History of Disability and Caregiving Before and After Long-Term Care Entry](#)
  - o [Changes in Nursing Home Use Following Medicaid-Supported Expanded Access to Home- and Community-Based Services for Older Adults With Dementia](#)
  - o [Structural Ageism and the Health of Older Adults](#)
- Relevant companion journals: [JAMA Network Open](#)
- Other notes: New journal, launched in 2021. Melinda Buntin is Deputy Editor.

## 13. JAMA Network Open

- Impact factor: 13.37 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 3 days
- *JAMA Network Open* is an international, peer-reviewed, open access, general medical journal that publishes research on clinical care, innovation in health care, health policy, and global health across all health disciplines and countries for clinicians, investigators, and policy makers. *JAMA Network Open* is a member of the JAMA Network, a consortium of peer-reviewed, general medical and specialty publications.
- Types of articles published
  - o Original investigation
  - o Research letter
  - o Other evidence-based reports:
    - Consensus statement
    - Special communication
- Author guidelines for selected types
  - o Original investigation: 3000 words, ≤5 tables and/or figures
  - o Research letter: 600 words, no more than 7 authors, ≤6 references, ≤2 small tables and/or figures

- Other evidence-based reports: both article types require a presubmission inquiry
  - Consensus statement: 3500 words, 50-75 references, ≤5 tables and/or figures
  - Special communication: 3000 words, 50 references, ≤4 tables and/or figures
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [Changes in Nursing Home Use Following Medicaid-Supported Expanded Access to Home- and Community-Based Services for Older Adults With Dementia](#)
  - [End-of-Life Preferences in Older US Adults—Bridging the “What Matters” Chasm](#)
  - [Structural Ageism and the Health of Older Adults](#)
- Relevant companion journals: [JAMA Health Forum](#)

#### 14. Journal of the American Medical Directors Association (JAMDA)

- Impact factor: 7.8 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 3.4 weeks
- *JAMDA* is the leading peer-reviewed publication for practical information and research directly applicable to healthcare professionals providing post-acute and long-term care (PA/LTC), as well as policy-makers, organizational leaders, educators, and advocates. *JAMDA* emphasizes original evidence-based articles on the issues most important to improve care, address emerging clinical issues, inform evidence-based policies, and achieve regulatory compliance. Articles address topics such as geriatric syndromes; Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; implementation and translational research; products and models of community-based and residential PA/LTC, and their related regulatory, policy, and cost implications; and clinical tools, practice guidelines, and consensus statements. Implementation studies are especially valued.
- Types of articles published
  - Original studies
  - Review articles
  - Special articles
  - Controversies in Care
  - Pragmatic Innovations
  - Letters
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - Original articles:
    - Full-length articles. The body of the submission (excluding abstract and references) should generally be limited to 3,000 words; it can include up to 5 tables or figures, and 50 references.
    - Full-length articles. The body of the submission (excluding abstract and references) should generally be limited to 3,000 words; it can include up to 5 tables or figures, and 50 references.
  - Review articles: A review article is a systematic, critical assessment of the literature and data sources related to clinical topics, treatments, and other issues relevant to PA/LTC. They include systematic reviews (with or without a meta-analysis), scoping/narrative reviews, and problem based narratives and commentary.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [A Comparative Case Study Analysis of Barriers and Facilitators to Implementing the Affordable Care Act's Balancing Incentive Program](#)
  - [The Case for Conducting Pragmatic Dementia Care Trials in Medicaid Home and Community-Based Service Settings](#)
  - [State home and community-based services expenditures and unmet care needs in the United States: Has everyone benefitted equally?](#)

- Companion journal: [Caring for the Ages](#)

### 15. Medical Care

- Impact factor: 3.1 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: unknown
- Rated as one of the top ten journals in healthcare administration, Medical Care is devoted to all aspects of the administration and delivery of healthcare. This scholarly journal publishes original, peer-reviewed papers documenting the most current developments in the rapidly changing field of healthcare. This timely journal reports on the findings of original investigations into issues related to the research, planning, organization, financing, provision, and evaluation of health services.
- Types of articles published
  - o Original articles
  - o Brief report
- Author Guidelines for selected types of articles
  - o Original Articles have a maximum of 3,500 words, exclusive of abstract, acknowledgments, figures, tables, and references. Manuscripts are permitted to have a total of 5 figures and/or tables and no more than 50 references.
  - o Brief Reports are manuscripts that can provide their results clearly in a shorter format; they have a maximum of 2,000 words, again exclusive of abstract, acknowledgments, figures, tables, and references.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - o [Prevalence and Correlates of Unmet Medical and Social Needs in Virginia's Medicaid Managed Long Term Services and Supports Program](#)
  - o [Demographic Characteristics Driving Disparities in Receipt of Long-term Services and Supports in the Community Setting](#)
  - o [Comparison of Resource Utilization for Medicaid Dementia Patients Using Nursing Homes Versus Home and Community Based Waivers for Long-Term Care](#)

### 16. Medical Care Research and Review (89% similar to HSR)

- Impact factor: 2.5 (2023)
- Submission to first decision: 55 days
- A pioneering force in the area of health services research. During its time, the journal has evolved from publishing abstracts to a well-respected journal carrying critical reviews of literature on organizational structure, economics, and the financing of health and medical care systems. Today, the journal's focus has expanded to reflect the growth of the field and the increasing importance of health services research -- while still maintaining the high standards that have kept *Medical Care Research and Review* at the forefront of health care research for over half a century.
- Types of articles published
  - o Empirical research
  - o Review articles
  - o Data and trends
- Author Guidelines for selected types of articles
  - o Empirical Research Articles:
    - Methodologically rigorous empirical research that significantly advances previous knowledge.

- Discussion of a specific conceptual framework that underlies the analysis or is used to synthesize and critique prior research on a given topic.
    - ≤30 pages (double-spaced, 12- point type, 1-inch margins including tables, figures, and references)
  - Review Articles:
    - On particular research or policy topics that comprehensively synthesize relevant theoretical and empirical literature across several disciplines.
    - Discussion of a specific conceptual framework that underlies the analysis or is used to synthesize and critique prior research on a given topic.
    - ≤40 pages (double-spaced, 12- point type, 1-inch margins including tables, figures, and references)
  - Data and Trends:
    - Present new data and trends in the health care area or help us better understand how data can be used by the field.
    - ≤20 pages (double-spaced, 12- point type, 1-inch margins including tables, figures, and references)
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [State-Level Adverse Outcomes Among Long-Term Services and Supports Users With Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias](#)
  - [The Cost-Effectiveness of Noninstitutional Long-Term Care Services: Review and Synthesis of the Most Recent Evidence](#)

## 17. New England Journal of Medicine

- Impact factor: 158.5 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 3 weeks
- The *New England Journal of Medicine* (NEJM) is recognized as the world’s leading medical journal and website. Published continuously for over 200 years, NEJM delivers high-quality, peer-reviewed research and interactive clinical content to physicians, educators, researchers, and the global medical community.
- Types of articles published
  - Original research: original articles, special articles
  - Clinical cases: brief reports, clinical problem-solving
  - Review articles: clinical practice reviews, other reviews
  - Commentary: editorial, perspective, clinical implications of basic research, letter to the editor
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - Original and special articles: maximum of 2700 words, maximum of 5 tables and figures
  - Clinical cases:
    - Brief reports: maximum of 2000 words, 100 word summary, maximum of 3 tables and figures
    - Clinical problem-solving: maximum of 2500 words, maximum of 5 authors, up to 15 references
  - Clinical practice review: maximum of 2500 words, maximum of 2 authors, may contain small number of tables and figures
  - Perspective: maximum of 1200 words, usually include 1 figure or table
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [Future of Long-Term Care and the Expanding Role of Medicaid Managed Care](#)
  - [Toward Geroneuropalliative Care for Patients with Dementia](#)

## 18. Population Health Management (72% similar to HSR)

- Impact factor: 2.5 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 11 days
- *Population Health Management* (PHM) is an international, peer-reviewed publication that offers a comprehensive, integrated approach to the most current clinical and business developments transforming healthcare in the field of population health management. PHM covers a broad spectrum, including clinical reports and case studies; practical aspects of developing and implementing population health management initiatives; perspectives and insights from all stakeholders; and interviews with leading experts in population health management.
- Types of articles published
  - o Original articles
  - o Review articles
  - o Commentary, Point of View, or Editorial
  - o Letters to the Editor
- Author Guidelines for selected types of articles
  - o Original Articles
    - 4,500-word limit
    - Unstructured abstract of no more than 250 words
    - Maximum of six (6) tables and/or figures
    - Maximum of forty (40) references
  - o Review Articles
    - 6,000-word limit
    - Unstructured abstract of no more than 250 words
    - Maximum of six (6) tables and/or figures
    - Maximum of seventy (70) references
  - o Commentary, Point of View, or Editorial
    - 2,000-word limit or 1,200 word-limit with one (1) small table or figure
    - No abstract
    - Maximum of ten (10) references
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - o [Misperceptions of Medicaid Ineligibility Persist among African American Caregivers of Alzheimer's Dementia Care Recipients](#)
  - o [Impact of Comorbid Dementia on Patterns of Hospice Use](#)

## 19. Public Policy & Aging Report

- Impact factor: 1.8 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: unknown
- *Public Policy & Aging Report* explores policy issues generated by the aging of American society. Each thematic issue is designed to stimulate debate, highlight emerging concerns, and propose alternative policy options. Recent issues have addressed: legal and policy issues associated with end-of-life care; technology and aging; income security among older populations of color; Medicare reform; and elder abuse and neglect.
- Types of articles published
  - o Regular articles
  - o Spotlight articles
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - o Regular articles: 3,500 word limit

- Spotlight articles: short overview of a key issue not covered by the report’s full-length articles. 1,500 word limit and one figure/table/graphic.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [The Long and Winding Road to Long-Term Services and Supports Reform: The Good, the Bad, and the Aspirational](#)
  - [The Older Americans Act and Family Caregiving: Perspectives from Federal and State Levels](#)
  - [Failures of Regulation and Policy in Medicaid-Managed Long-Term Care and Medicare Advantage](#)
- Relevant companion journals
  - [The Gerontologist](#), [Innovation in Aging](#), [The Journals of Gerontology: Series A](#), [The Journals of Gerontology: Series B](#)

## 20. Research on Aging

- Impact factor: 2.6 (2023)
- Submission to first decision: unknown
- *Research on Aging* is an interdisciplinary journal designed to reflect the expanding role of research in the field of social gerontology. Research on Aging exists to provide for publication of research in the broad range of disciplines concerned with aging. Scholars from the disciplines of sociology, gerontology, history, psychology, anthropology, public health, economics, political science, criminology, social work, nursing, demography, epidemiology, and geography are encouraged to contribute articles to the journal. Emphasis will be on materials of broad scope and cross-disciplinary interest. Assessment of the current state of knowledge is as important as provision of an outlet for new knowledge, so critical and review articles are welcomed. Systematic attention to particular topics will also be featured.
- Types of articles published
  - Original research
  - Systematic literature reviews and meta-analysis
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - Original research: first submissions of manuscripts should not contain more than 6,000 words of text (not including abstract, references and exhibits). Shorter length manuscripts are appreciated. These manuscripts should not contain more than 10 pages of references, tables and figures combined.
  - Systematic Literature Reviews and Meta-Analysis: traditional literature reviews are not appropriate; however, systematic evidence-based reviews are encouraged as well as rigorous meta-analyses.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [A Comparative Case Study Analysis of Barriers and Facilitators to Implementing the Affordable Care Act’s Balancing Incentive Program](#)
  - [Medical and Social Adult Day Service Programs: A Comparison of Characteristics, Dementia Clients, and their Family Caregivers](#)
  - [Urban Neighborhood Characteristics and the Spatial Distribution of Home and Community-Based Service Organizations in Michigan Metropolitan Statistical Areas](#)

## 21. The Gerontologist

- Impact factor: 3.286 (2020)
- Submission to first decision: 5 days

- The Gerontologist is a journal of The Gerontological Society of America that publishes applied, multidisciplinary research and analysis on social issues related to human aging. It informs the broad community of disciplines and professions involved in understanding the aging process and providing care to older people.
- Types of articles published
  - o Research articles
  - o Review articles
  - o Measurement articles
  - o Forums
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - o Research articles are limited to 6,000 words unless it involves qualitative research methodology (limit 7,000 words). Tables and figures are limited to five pages for all submission types except for review articles (limit of 10 pages).
  - o Review articles – *The Gerontologist* welcomes submissions of state-of-the-art, conceptually or theoretically based review articles (e.g., systematic/scoping reviews, umbrella reviews) and/or in-depth synthesis methodology reviews (e.g., meta-analyses). This type of submission may not exceed 8,000 words; tables and figures are limited to 10 pages.
  - o Measurement articles describe the reporting of sophisticated scale/instrument development procedures. All scales must be freely available for use by researchers. This type of submission may not exceed 6,000\* words.
  - o Forum articles are scholarly review articles or well-documented arguments presenting a perspective on an important topic of interest to *The Gerontologist's* readers. Their purpose is to document or argue for a thesis. The thesis will be supported by theory or will present a new conceptual perspective that will move scholarship forward. This type of submission may not exceed 5,000 words.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - o [Implementing the Care of Persons With Dementia in Their Environments \(COPE\) Intervention in Community-Based Programs: Acceptability and Perceived Benefit from Care Managers' and Interventionists' Perspectives](#)
  - o [State Regulatory Approaches for Dementia Care in Residential Care and Assisted Living](#)
  - o [A Framework for Assessing the Effects of Climate Change on Dementia Risk and Burden](#)
- Relevant companion journals
  - o [Innovation in Aging](#), [The Journals of Gerontology: Series A](#), [The Journals of Gerontology: Series B](#), [Public Policy & Aging Report](#)

## 22. The Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences

- Impact factor: 6.2 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 7 working days
- *The Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* publishes articles using a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches encompassing quantitative, qualitative, experimental, and non-experimental research. Authors are encouraged to submit papers in areas such as anthropology, demography, economics, epidemiology, geography, health services research, political science, public health, social history, social work, and sociology.
- Types of articles published
  - o Research article - reportings on original research, preferably with multiple studies and/or samples
  - o Research reports - for brief presentations generally of single studies

- Theoretical or methodological article - reviews of cutting-edge topics with theoretical or methodological implications
- Author guidelines for selected types of articles
  - Research Article: The maximum allowable word count of manuscripts reporting empirical studies should not exceed 5,000 words. The reference list is limited to 50 entries, and up to 5 data elements (tables and or figures).
  - Research Reports: The maximum allowable word count is 2,000 words. The reference list is limited to no more than 30 entries, and up to 3 data elements.
  - Theoretical or Methodological Article: The maximum allowable word count of manuscripts reporting empirical studies should not exceed 5,000 words. If you believe you have an unusual circumstance (e.g., complex analyses), authors may contact the editorial office ([jgeronsoc@geron.org](mailto:jgeronsoc@geron.org)) and request permission to submit up to 6,000 words of text. The reference list is limited to 50 entries and you may submit up to 5 data elements. Additional data elements can be submitted as supplemental material.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [Associations Between Use of Paid Help and Care Experiences Among Medicare–Medicaid Enrolled Older Adults With and Without Dementia](#)
  - [Barriers and Facilitators to Home- and Community-Based Services Access for Persons With Dementia and Their Caregivers](#)
  - [Caring Together: Trajectories of Paid and Family Caregiving Support to Those Living in the Community With Dementia](#)
- Relevant companion journals
  - [The Gerontologist](#), [Innovation in Aging](#), [The Journals of Gerontology: Series A](#), [Public Policy & Aging Report](#)

### 23. The Milbank Quarterly

- Impact factor: 6.6 (2022)
- Submission to first decision: 6 days
- A multidisciplinary journal of population health and health policy. It presents original research, synthesis, policy analysis, and commentary from leading thinkers, policymakers, and practitioners. The *Quarterly's* goal is to publish scholarly papers that illuminate and add new insights to our understanding of important policy issues involving health and health care. Topics addressed in the *Quarterly* include but are not limited to the impact of social factors on health, disease prevention, allocation of health resources, legal and ethical issues in health policy, health care management, historical analysis of health policies, and the organization and financing of health care. We welcome, in particular, manuscripts that address the intersection between health and various sectors of public policy (eg, education, housing, environment, criminal justice), that propose new ideas and frameworks for improving health and health care at the state level and that test and evaluate new approaches and strategies for financing, organizing, and delivering services to various populations, and that provide lessons for the US health care system drawn from the experiences of other nations' health care systems.
- Types of articles published
  - Original scholarship
  - Perspectives
  - Opinions (solicited from the editor)
- Author Guidelines for selected types of articles
  - Original Scholarship:

- The length of submitted text ordinarily should not exceed thirty pages, excluding abstract, acknowledgments, figures, tables, and references. Longer papers will be considered on occasion, but additional length must be justified by the corresponding author.
  - All text must be typed double-spaced with tabs to indicate new paragraphs.
- Examples of relevant published papers
  - [The Role of Place in Person- and Family-Oriented Long-Term Services and Supports](#)
  - [The Communication Infrastructure as a Social Determinant of Health: Implications for Health Policymaking and Practice](#)
  - [Integrating Medicare and Medicaid: Successes to Date, Lessons Learned, and the Road Ahead](#)
- Relevant companion journals: [The Millbank Quarterly Opinion](#)