

What to Expect After You Have Submitted Your Manuscript to *Obstetrics & Gynecology*

A Guide to Writing for Obstetrics & Gynecology, Fourth Edition, provides authors with an overview of the review process (see www.greenjournal.org/misc/guidetowriting.pdf or contact the Editorial Office to obtain a copy). In summary:

- After submitting a manuscript to Editorial Manager, the corresponding author can expect to receive notification of receipt by e-mail within 2 business days.
- Submitted manuscripts may be rejected without review, but most are sent to reviewers, typically three in number. The journal's goal is to have all reviews completed within 30 days.
- The Editors use reviewer comments as well as their own evaluation to arrive at an initial disposition—accept, decline, or revise. The journal's goal is to arrive at the disposition within 6 weeks of submission.
- If it seems probable that a manuscript can be made acceptable with revision, the paper will be returned to the author, along with the reviewers' critiques, the statistical editor's comments, and the Editor's analysis, with an indication that a revision will be considered. This action should not be interpreted as a commitment to accept the paper. Revisions must be received within 30 days.
- The revision is evaluated by the Editor and may be sent back to the reviewers to see if the concerns have been addressed satisfactorily. Additional revisions may be necessary before the paper is considered for publication. The journal's goal is to notify the corresponding author of the final disposition within 10 business days after receipt of the revised manuscript.
- Upon acceptance, the manuscript is processed for publication. The length of time between acceptance and publication averages 4 months (except for case reports).
- The corresponding author will receive an e-mail requesting that he or she review the page proofs online. The author(s) should respond to all queries and check the proofs carefully. If comments are not received within 48 hours, it is the policy of the journal to proceed with publication.

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