Writing for Biomedical Publication
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AGENDA*

8:00 am  INTRODUCTION
The importance of publication to a scientist’s career
Early history of scientific publication
Scientific Journals-Definitions & responsibilities
What to/not to publish (Least Publishable Unit)

PART I: PREPARING YOURSELF TO PUBLISH
The importance of being first
MEDLINE vs PubMed
What actually is plagiarism? How to avoid it
Commitment to publish
Effective communication skills
Figures, graphs and tables

10:00 am  MORNING BREAK

10:15 am  PART II PREPARING YOUR MANUSCRIPT
Choosing an Effective Title
Abstract and Key Words
The Introduction
Materials and Methods
The Results Section
Discussion/Comment
Acknowledgments
Literature Citations

12:00 pm  LUNCH

1:00 pm  PART III FACTORS TO CONSIDER BEFORE SUBMISSION
Factors Involved in Selection of a Journal
Acceptance Rates
‘Stature’ of a Journal-Impact Factors
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Publication Ethics
Open Access
Authorship Issues

3:00 pm  AFTERNOON BREAK

3:15 pm  PART IV SUBMISSION/REVIEW/RESUBMISSION
Cover Letter to the Editor
Assignment of Copyright
Conflict of Interest Issues
Understanding Journal Editors
Understanding Reviewers and Peer Review
Responding to Editors/Reviewers Concerns
Revisions, Errata and Retractions

5:00 pm  ADJOURN

* Schedule is approximate depending upon scope and extent of discussion.