

### Reflective Papers in Medical Journals

1. How would you define a reflective/personal paper?

2. What is/are the principal purposes of reflectiver/personal papers in your journal? (The editorial vision for such papers)

3. To what extent should a reflective/personal paper emotionally engage the reader

- Arouses mild interest in the reader: "Nice to know"
- Arouses interest in the reader: "That's interesting, I'm glad I read that"
- Arouses emotional response in reader "I can relate to that"
- Arouses strong emotional response in reader "I know just how he/she feels"
- Arouses profound emotional response in reader "WOW"
- Other, please specify

4. To what extent should a reflective/personal paper stimulate reflection in the reader?

- Should arouse mild interest in the reader.
- Should arouse interest in the reader.
- Should encourage reflection in the reader.

- Should encourage deep reflection in the reader.
- Should cause reader to contemplate change.
- Other, please specify

**5. To what extent should a reflective/personal paper stimulate discussion with colleagues and/or use with learners?**

- Should encourage reader to mention it in casual conversation
- Should encourage reader to share with colleagues/learners
- Should encourage reader to share and discuss with colleagues/learners
- Should encourage reader to email it to colleagues/learners and discuss their thoughts and insights
- Other, please specify

**6. To what extent should a reflective/personal paper provide a lesson applicable to patient care or professional development?**

- Reader should think of it as an interesting story.
- Reader should ruminate about story.
- Reader should contemplate how to apply lessons from story to patient care or professional development.
- Reader should take deliberate action to apply lessons from story to patient care or professional development.
- Other, please specify

**7.**

Please rank the importance of the previous four issues for a reflective/personal paper for your journal

A reflective/personal paper should emotionally engage the reader

Very important

Not important

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Additional Comment

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Very important

Not important

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Additional Comment

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**8. Please list the key characteristics of a successful reflective/personal paper**

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**9. What are the most frequent issues leading to rejection or requests for revision of submitted reflective/personal papers?**

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**10. What additional thoughts and information would you like to add on this topic?**

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