## TOP 10 TIPS FOR GETTING PUBLISHED

**1. Do good work**
Be rigorous in your methodology. No amount of revision will fix shoddy work.

**2. Synthesize**
There’s no reason to publish a paper that just lists information from other articles. You have to make sense of it for the reader—what it means when it’s all pulled together.

**3. Make your case**
Begin with an introduction that engages readers and convinces them of the importance of your topic. Then at the finish, convince them of the significance of your outcomes with a strong discussion of the application to practice, research, or policy development.

**4. Go deep**
Provide specific, detailed information at a level of complexity that goes beyond what readers can find in a textbook. Engage in a thoughtful and analytical discussion of content.

**5. Cite the best evidence**
Make sure you support information or assertions with evidence. Use recent primary sources from respected peer-reviewed journals.

**6. Contribute something new**
If the information can be found elsewhere, there’s no reason for a journal to publish your work.

**7. Write well**
Clarity, precision, and conciseness are the hallmarks of good writing. Get feedback! You are reading what you think you wrote—someone else will read what is actually there.

**8. Be ethical**
Adhere to ethical and legal publishing standards. Use a software program to check your work for unintentional plagiarism before submitting.

**9. Choose the right journal**
Consider whether your manuscript will be most valuable to researchers, educators, clinicians, or a general nursing audience, and then find a journal that reaches that group.

**10. Follow guidelines**
Follow the appropriate guidelines for the type of article you’re writing (e.g., SQUIRE for quality improvement or ICMJE for research articles). Make sure you follow the journal’s author guidelines exactly.