

MANUSCRIPT DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

3 paragraphs that set the stage for the contribution the paper makes to the literature

Paragraph 1 – Broad opening paragraph that addresses why readers should care about the topic being evaluated

Paragraph 2 – More focused paragraph on prior papers written about this topic

Paragraph 3 – Summary paragraph that presents exactly what was done in this project, what research questions you are answering and what it specifically contributes to the literature (addresses a gap or conflicting reports?)

METHODS

Paragraph 1 - Mention IRB determination and describe your overarching research/evaluation design (e.g., mixed methods, pre-post observational or interventional)

Paragraph 2 - Describe the population studied/evaluated and any inclusion or exclusion or drop out issues

Paragraph 3 - Describe the educational approach you are testing (Educational study only)

Paragraph 4 - Describe Evaluation Activities/Metrics – measurement instruments, data collection and data analyses

RESULTS

Text Section

Paragraph 1 - Study Sample (e.g., gender, PGY)

Paragraphs – 2-4 - Describe Findings

QUANTITATIVE

Highlight what is in the Graphs Tables, but don't repeat everything. If you include data that is not shown in a graph/table, indicate so at end of section (*data not shown*). Just DESCRIBE findings – don't DISCUSS them

Data displays – Develop *working* tables that are very inclusive, then decide what goes in paper as text, tables or graphs, and revise the working tables accordingly

QUALITATIVE

Highlight important themes. Use exemplar quotes to illustrate the themes

Data displays – Develop *working* tables that are very inclusive of themes, definitions and exemplars, then decide what goes in paper as notable themes

DISCUSSION

Paragraph 1 – Highlight 1-3 main messages from your findings

Paragraphs 2-4 – Discuss how your findings differ from other studies and speculate on why this might have happened

Paragraph 5 – Describe the implications of this work – Address so what!!

Paragraph 6 – Describe strengths of study

Paragraph 7 – Describe weaknesses

Paragraph 8 – Conclusions