

# Update in Anaesthesia

## **Guide to Contributors**

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Manuscripts may not have been published in whole or any part in another journal.

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Aim to include the full range of therapies available worldwide. Provide detailed descriptions of therapies available in resource-limited settings.

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### **Manuscript Types**

As an official journal of the WFSA, *UIA* is the appropriate forum for publication of articles describing anaesthesia patient care, original research and audit conducted in, and specifically relevant to, low resource settings.

Manuscripts describing clinical care, research, procedures, techniques or equipment adapted by anaesthetists to the limited resource setting in which they care for patients are welcome in any of the following formats:

**Case Report/Clinical Overview (1500 words maximum)**

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No more than 200 words  
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1. Reynolds F, O 'Sullivan G. Lumbar puncture and headache. 'Atraumatic needle' is a better term than 'blunt needle'. *Br Med J* 1998; **316**: 1018.
2. Costigan SN, Sprigge JS. Dural puncture: the patients' perspective. A patient survey of cases at a DGH maternity unit 1983–1993. *Acta Anaesthesiol Scand* 1996; **40**: 710–14.
3. Spriggs DA, Burn DJ, French J, Cartlidge NE, Bates D. Is bedrest useful after diagnostic lumbar puncture? *Postgrad Med J* 1992; **68**: 581–3.

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1. Roberts F. Chapter 22: Ear, nose and throat surgery. In: Allman KG, Wilson IH, eds. *Oxford handbook of Anaesthesia* (1st edition) Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001: 506-39.

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