Advice to Authors

**Mental health services**
The editors of *Australian Health Review* are seeking articles for an upcoming issue on mental health services in Australia and New Zealand.

It is estimated that mental health problems and mental illness will affect more than 20% of the adult population in their lifetime and between 10%–15% of young people in any one year. In Australia, through the National Mental Health Strategy, all levels of Australian government have recognised the need to work together to reform services and policy to ensure that, wherever possible, people with a mental illness are able to enjoy the same opportunities as other Australians.

In New Zealand, the Mental Health Commission envisions a place where people with mental illness have personal power, full participation in their communities and access to a fully developed range of recovery-oriented services.

To help inform policy and practice, *Australian Health Review* is looking to publish research papers, case studies and commentaries related to mental health. Some potential topic areas include:

- Governance and management
- Consumer and community perspectives
- Program evaluation and economic analysis
- Impact of policy.

Submissions related to international programs with lessons for Australia and New Zealand will also be welcomed.

Submissions can be short commentaries of 1000 to 2000 words, or a more comprehensive review of the topic of 2000 to 3000 words. The deadline for submission is 15 February 2006.

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**Linking research and practice**
The editors of *Australian Health Review* seek articles and case studies that outline effective methods to more effectively link research and research results with policy and practice.

There has been much talk about the critical need to link the disparate research and decision making communities. *Australian Health Review* is looking to publish the stories of both successful and unsuccessful attempts to incorporate research in decision making. We are interested in formal studies and more informal case studies that shed light on the enablers and the barriers to effective research transfer in health management and health policy-making settings.

Submissions can be short commentaries of 1000 to 2000 words, or a more comprehensive review of the topic of 2000 to 3000 words. The deadline for submission is 15 March 2006.

For author guidelines and how to submit an article via AHR’s online submission system, see page 490 or go to <http://www.aushealthreview.com.au/publications/articles/authors.asp>

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