

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

To a Special Supplement to *Medical Care*

Topic: Women Veterans' Health and Health Care

DEADLINE EXTENDED: All manuscripts must be submitted by Email to VHAGLAWHRESEARCH@va.gov by June 16, 2014 at midnight Pacific time.

The goal of this supplement is to disseminate new research findings related to the planning, organization, financing, provision, evaluation and improvement of health services and/or outcomes for women Veterans. Submissions to *Medical Care's* Women Veterans' Health and Health Care supplement should provide insights for clinicians, educators, researchers, administrators, and policymakers regarding issues related to care for women Veterans or women in the military. We encourage submissions from health services researchers, clinician investigators, and/or policymakers. The supplement is being sponsored by the VA Health Services Research & Development Service in the Office of Research and Development.

All manuscripts must be submitted by **May 1st, 2014 at 5:00 pm Eastern time.**

Topics of special interest include, but are not limited to:

- **Access and Rural Health**
- **Primary Care and Prevention**
- **Mental Health and Substance Abuse**
- **Deployment and Post-Deployment Health**
- **Complex Chronic Conditions and Long Term Care/Aging**
- **Reproductive Health**

We are also interested in manuscripts that describe research and/or quality improvement initiatives that are cross-cutting (i.e., span multiple special interest areas), address the needs or improvement of care for sub-populations of women Veterans (e.g., homeless, LGBT), or identify and address health equity/disparities for women Veterans.

THREE TYPES OF SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

(See instructions for authors on the *Medical Care* website, <http://journals.lww.com/lww-medicalcare/layouts/1033/oaks.journals/informationforauthors.aspx>, for further details about article types. Please follow *Medical Care* instructions for limits on figures and tables)

1. Original Research: No longer than 3,500 words describing original research including secondary data analyses, with frugal use of tables and figures and a structured abstract of no more than 250 words. Qualitative papers may be up to 4,000 words in length,

2. Brief Reports: No longer than 2,000 words with an unstructured abstract of up to 250 words.

3. Applied Methodology Papers: We will consider papers geared toward addressing key methodology issues related to observational, interventional and/or implementation research on health, health care and/or outcomes among women Veterans, women in the military and/or gender differences. Papers should be no longer than 4,000 words.

For this supplement, VA-based guest editors will conduct an initial review of all submitted manuscripts and make decisions about those manuscripts that will be invited to proceed with formal online submission to the journal and traditional peer review. A proportion of the initially submitted manuscripts will be rejected at the stage of VA-based review, while those manuscripts invited to proceed may be provided with editorial recommendations for consideration prior to formal submission to the journal. After initial screening by Guest Co-Editors, selected articles will undergo *Medical Care's* editorial and peer review process. All submissions should be emailed to the following email address rather than submitted through the Medical Care website: VHAGLAWHRESEARCH@va.gov

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