

# Submitting your Policy article to the *Journal of Multimorbidity and Comorbidity*

## Preparing the policy

Policy papers should follow the general author guidelines for preparing an article for publication where applicable, and consider the following:

- Describe the current setting that is the basis for the policy
- Provide a clear goal of the policy
- Describe what is happening, and where, how and why
- Describe who is involved and what their thoughts and/or roles in the policy development are
- What are the expected/intended outcomes of the policy on the health system in terms of access, population benefit, cost/economics, ethics/equity, and feasibility?

## Structure

The structure of the policy will depend on several factors, such as whether the policy is in development, has just been passed/implemented, is being updated, or is an evaluation/review.

A suggested structure for preparing your policy is provided below. Not all sections will be appropriate for all papers, and other aspects may also be considered appropriate:

- Abstract
- Introduction (including policy statement)
- Methods/Design (including description of the policy development)
- Results
- Discussion (including impact on stakeholders, policy advocacy, policy implementation, improvement and evaluation)
- Conclusion (including future directions)
- Acknowledgements
- Conflicts of interest
- Funding
- References

Authors should prepare their policy using a simple, clear and non-technical language where possible. Highly technical figures/tables/images should also be avoided, or placed in a supplementary file.