



Where can I write about humanism in healthcare?

Publications Seeking Your Research & Perspective

Journal of Patient Experience — This open access peer-reviewed journal is hosting a special collection with the Gold Foundation on the “Intersection of Humanism and Patient Experience”. Formats include research articles, research briefs, industry insights, patient perspectives. 50% off the usual publication fee. Submissions are published on a rolling basis. Deadline: Dec. 1, 2025. [Learn more.](#)

Academic Medicine — Submissions to the monthly peer-reviewed journal of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) must address a key aspect “of a major challenge facing academic medicine today.” Formats include articles, scholarly perspectives, commentaries, research reports, innovation reports. [Learn more.](#)

Bellevue Literary Review — This award-winning literary journal “probes the nuances of our lives in illness and in health.” Two issues published per year in print, with some pieces also available open access online. Formats include fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. [Learn more.](#)

BMC Medical Education — This open access, peer-reviewed journal publishes research related to the education and training of healthcare professionals across all levels. Topics include studies on well-being, support strategies, interprofessional collaboration, communications skills. [Learn more.](#)

BMJ Leader — This international, peer-reviewed journal focuses on healthcare leadership and is online only. Content types include original research and reviews, reflections, debates, and interpretations. [Learn more.](#)

Closer: “moving us closer to Osler” — Johns Hopkins-run website inspired by Dr. William Osler has a mission of “stimulating healthcare professionals and trainees to reflect on giving exceptional care to every patient.” Formats include stories, reflections, lists of tips, including some that are quite short. [Learn more.](#)

Intima — This online journal of narrative medicine publishes two issues annually. Fall-winter submissions will open in August. Formats include fiction, non-fiction, poetry, multimedia, art, academic papers. [Learn more.](#)

Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved — This quarterly peer-reviewed journal of the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved focuses on healthcare issues of medically underserved communities. Formats include original papers and brief communications, commentaries, reports from the field. [Learn more.](#)

Journal of Medical Humanities — This quarterly peer-reviewed journal focuses on the health humanities. Formats include research, poetry, essays, reviews, and short reports. Ongoing collections include Comparative Health Humanities, The Future of Medical / Health Humanities, and Queer Medical Humanities. [Learn more.](#)

Journal of Professional Nursing — The bimonthly peer-reviewed journal of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) focuses on issues related to baccalaureate or higher degree nursing education. Formats include reviews, insightful descriptions, policy papers, letters to the editors. [Learn more.](#)

KevinMD — This popular website is “where physicians, advanced practitioners, nurses, medical students, and patients share their insight and tell their stories.” Accepted formats: 500-1,000 “jargon-free” words. [Learn more.](#)

Medical Humanities — The online journal of the Institute of Medical Ethics explores such topics as the history of medicine, cultures of medicine, disability studies, gender and the body, communities in crisis, bioethics, and public health. Formats include original reports, review essays, current controversies. [Learn more.](#)

New York Times guest essays — Fresh perspectives, often linked to an issue in the news, backed by data, published online and potentially in print. 800-1200 words. Editors aim to respond 3 business days if they are interested. Submit a pitch (idea) or a full essay. [Learn more.](#)

Perspectives in Biology and Medicine — This quarterly interdisciplinary journal “publishes essays that place important biological or medical subjects in broader scientific, social, or humanistic contexts.” Editors “encourage an informal style” that “preserves the warmth, excitement, and color” of the sciences. [Learn more.](#)

Pulse: “voices from the heart of medicine” — Online publication that seeks original work arising from personal experience. Formats include feature-length stories, brief first-person reflections, and visuals, including portraits. Poems and haiku are currently closed but will reopen later this year. [Learn more.](#)

STAT First Opinion — Science and healthcare media outlet publishes guest essays about “the biopharma industry, medical science and health care, and other topics related to the life sciences writ large.” Editors are especially seeking 900-1,000 words in a conversational style that include first-person narrative. [Learn more.](#)

Wall Street Journal op-eds — Guest essays of 400-1,000 words that convey “a strong argument about an issue in the news.” Editors aim to respond in 10 business days. [Learn more.](#)

4 Tips

- 1) Read the publication before submitting to make sure you understand its focus and style.
- 2) Look to see if your topic has been published before.
- 3) Check the cost. Literary journals often have a minimal submission fee but no fee to publish (or they pay writers a small amount). Peer-reviewed journals are often free to submit but can have a major fee to publish. Mainstream media often do not charge (or pay) to submit or publish. There are exceptions to all of these, so read carefully to understand each publication.
- 4) Review submission guidelines and follow required formats.

Sharing your publication

If you publish an article or study related to humanism in healthcare, the Gold Foundation would love to know all about it. Email Editor in Chief Brianne Alcalá at balcala@gold-foundation.org or tag us on LinkedIn when you post about your publication. Good luck!

