

# European Medical Specialist Review

## Author Guidelines

### 1. Purpose and Editorial Mission

The European Medical Specialist Review, the official journal of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), is an institutional publication dedicated to advancing informed dialogue on matters of strategic relevance to medical specialists across Europe. The journal seeks to promote analytical reflection, policy-relevant discussion, and forward-looking perspectives concerning professional standards, specialist practice, education and training, regulatory developments, innovation, and workforce sustainability within a European context.

### 2. Scope of Contributions

Submissions must clearly articulate their European relevance and demonstrate analytical depth. Appropriate themes include, but are not limited to:

- European health policy, governance, and regulatory frameworks affecting medical specialists
- Professional mobility, workforce planning, and sustainability
- Ethical and legal dimensions of specialist medical practice
- Digital transformation, artificial intelligence, and technological innovation in healthcare
- Translational or applied scientific developments with professional or regulatory implications
- Environmental sustainability and global health considerations relevant to European practice

Manuscripts must move beyond descriptive accounts and provide critical assessment, structured argumentation, and clearly articulated implications for policy, practice, or professional standards.

### 3. Article Categories and Length

Feature Articles (1,800–2,500 words) should present comprehensive and structured analyses, including an executive summary of 150–200 words. Perspective or Commentary Articles (1,200–1,800 words) may offer focused reflections on emerging issues. All submissions must maintain a clear analytical framework and European orientation.

#### **4. Authorship and Submission Requirements**

Manuscripts must be submitted through the online form, published in the official website. The articles should be submitted in Word format and include title, full author names and institutional affiliations, corresponding author contact details, a short biographical note (50–100 words per author), and a declaration of conflicts of interest. Authors are responsible for ensuring originality and confirming that the submission is not under consideration elsewhere.

#### **5. Manuscripts Format**

Manuscripts must be formatted in Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 line spacing. References should follow the Vancouver citation style. Any revisions submitted after initial review must be clearly indicated using the 'Track Changes' function in Microsoft Word.

#### **5. Editorial and Review Process**

All submissions undergo an initial editorial screening to assess alignment with the journal's scope, analytical quality, and structural coherence. Manuscripts deemed suitable are assigned to at least two members of the Editorial Board for structured editorial review.

The review process evaluates analytical rigor, European relevance, clarity of argumentation, balance of perspective, and overall contribution to professional and policy discourse. This constitutes a constructive editorial review process.

The journal operates a single-blind editorial review process, whereby reviewers remain anonymous to authors. Editors will provide structured and anonymous feedback directly within the manuscript using the 'Track Changes' function in Microsoft Word.

Editorial decisions may include acceptance with minor revisions, request for substantial revision and resubmission, or non-acceptance. Final publication decisions are confirmed by the Chief Editor or Managing Editor on behalf of the Editorial Board.

#### **6. Language, Style, and References**

Submissions must be written in formal, precise English suitable for a multidisciplinary European readership. Arguments should be supported by relevant evidence and appropriately referenced. Acronyms must be defined at first mention. The tone must remain neutral, balanced, and policy oriented.

References should be concise and directly relevant. Official European documents, regulatory texts, and key academic sources are encouraged where appropriate.

#### **7. Publication Conditions and Ethical Standards**

During the journal's launch phase, until June 2026, publication is free of charge. UEMS reserves the right to introduce Article Processing Charges in the future, subject to prior communication.

Authors retain copyright of their work while granting UEMS a non-exclusive right to publish and disseminate the article. All submissions must adhere to principles of academic integrity, proper attribution of sources, and disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest. The Editorial Board reserves the right to withdraw published content in cases of ethical misconduct. All figures, images, and diagrams must be original or reproduced with permission, and must include an appropriate caption and source attribution.