



## INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

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### SUBMISSION OF MANUSCRIPTS

Unsolicited manuscripts are welcome and will be given careful consideration. Manuscripts and related correspondence should be addressed to the Editor, *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine*, One Clinic Center—E4-07, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44195-5058 (phone 216/444-2662).

Submissions should include the original manuscript, two copies, and three complete sets of figures. Manuscripts should be accompanied by a letter that designates one author as correspondent and provides a complete address and telephone number. Manuscripts are considered with the understanding that they are original, have not been previously published, and are not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

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**Contributions:** Reports of original clinical and clinically relevant basic investigative studies.

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