

Brief guidance for writing articles about historical subjects

Introduction

This document provides brief guidance on writing and submitting articles on historical subjects for publication to the history pages of the RACGP website. Separate guidance is provided on the [writing of biographies](#).

The History Committee welcomes articles on subjects relating to the history of the College, the history of the profession of general practice, developments in medical practice and practice histories. Authors are encouraged to look at existing articles in the history webpages, particularly those within the [history of general practice](#), the [history of the RACGP](#) and [tales from the tools](#) sections.

Your article

The ideal length for an article for the history webpages is 1000 – 2000 words (between two and four A4 pages). Images relevant to the subject of your article can help make the piece more visually engaging, so if you have some good quality images (minimum 700 KB as a rough guide) include those with descriptive captions.

The process

All written pieces submitted are reviewed by the history screening panel (made up of History Committee members) and checked for historical accuracy. Panel suggestions or comments are returned for author response and, if necessary, historical 'fact-checks' are conducted by RACGP staff and / or members of the History Committee. The panel and author approved text is then reviewed by the RACGP Legal team and subsequently sent to the Publications team for editing, layout and application of "house-style". The fully edited and laid out version is returned for final author approval before publication to the history pages of the RACGP website.

If you have an article to submit for publication to the history webpages, please send it to: history@racgp.org.au