

Editor's Note Regarding APA Style and the Submission of Papers

As Editor of a journal which has adopted APA style for its presentation, I must confess that I was disappointed in the fourth Edition (1994) of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. Although some reference was made in the fourth Edition to the increasing influence of technology and advanced word processing capabilities now available to authors, many of the points made with respect to the presentation of manuscripts largely ignored the advantages of being able to submit papers in near-final publication format.

I would therefore like to draw the attention of prospective *MERJ* authors to the following 4 points which will apply to the submission of papers for this *Journal*:

1. Figures and Tables *may* be incorporated into the text—but please *also* include a separate file for the Figure or Table if this was originally generated separately from the text.

2. References should be presented in the format in which they will finally appear—use a recent issue of *MERJ* as a model. Do *not* indent references even though this is suggested for the preparation of manuscripts in the fourth Edition of the *Publication Manual*. Copy for *MERJ* is produced directly from the electronic files supplied by authors. In contrast, the *APA Manual* (fourth Edition) makes specific reference to the fact that their journals employ a typesetting system which will “convert the list [of indented references] to a hanging-indent format that appears in the printed article” (p. 251).

3. Do *not* use underlining in the text of a manuscript. Where emphasis is needed, use italics.

4. In all aspects of paper presentation, use a recent issue of *MERJ* as a guide. Manuscripts should, however, be double spaced, and four copies should be sent for review.