



IJIC guidelines for Book Reviews

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1. Introduction – the aims and scope of IJIC

It is important that prospective authors recognize that IJIC will only consider articles that fit the aims and scope of the Journal.

The focus of **IJIC** is on **integrated care**. We define this as follows:

Integration is a coherent set of methods and models on the funding, administrative, organisational, service delivery and clinical levels designed to create connectivity, alignment and collaboration within and between the cure and care sectors. The goal of these methods and models is to enhance quality of care and quality of life, consumer satisfaction and system efficiency for patients ... cutting across multiple services, providers and settings. [Where] the result of such multi-pronged efforts to promote integration [lead to] the benefit of patient groups [the outcome can be] called 'integrated care' (Kodner and Spreeuwenberg, 2002).

It is important for prospective authors to recognise that we distinguish between integration and integrated care, noting that the structures and processes that support organisational and service integration may not always result in the enhanced outcomes and patient experience associated with integrated care.

The Editorial Board of IJIC believes that the primary purpose of integrated care should be to improve quality-of-care, user experiences, and cost-effectiveness of care since such issues give integrated care both a rationale and a common basis on which to judge its impact.

The field of integrated care comprises a broad spectrum of themes. Those that fit within the aims and scope of IJIC include:

1. Integration between health services, social services and other care providers (horizontal integration);
2. Integration across primary, community, hospital and tertiary care services (vertical integration);
3. Integration of care within one sector (e.g. within mental health services);
4. Integration of care between preventive and curative services;
5. Integration of delivery systems that bring together clinicians and managers, funders and deliverers, professionals and patients;
6. The use of new technologies and other innovations that enable and support integrated care to flourish;
7. The use of system incentives, such as governance, guidance, funding and payment mechanisms, that seek to embed and reward integrated care;

8. Integration between care providers and patients that supports shared-decision making, self-management, and remote care;
9. The impact of integrated care in reducing health inequalities;
10. Integration of health promotion strategies with population-based and patient-centred approaches to health care;
11. The relationship between global/International health initiatives in supporting national, regional and local approaches to health and social care integration.

Within these subject fields, we accept articles that focus on integrated care to populations or particular client groups (e.g. older people, or persons with an unspecified chronic or long-term care need) as well as to particular service areas or diseases (e.g. to people with diabetes).

2. General requirements for Book Reviews

Your book review will be reviewed by members of the Editorial Board. They will decide if your review will be published on the journal website.

2.1 IJIC Book Review Directions

- Place book details at the top of the review
- Description of theme **and link with integrated care**;
- Description of content (keep it short, readers are most interested in general conclusions, not what was done exactly and the details of findings);
- Give formal characteristics like: how many chapters, how many authors, how many parts/sections?
- Briefly summarize each of the chapters or sections to give a flavour of the book and its contents
- Strong and weak sides of the book;
- **Well-argued judgment of the reviewer** (for instance, does the book contain any added value? Or you can put the findings into a principle context);
- A definitive judgment to end the book review (a catchy statement);
- give your opinion about who the book is aimed at: this book is mainly for economists/administrators/sociologists/nurses/doctors etc;
- Overall: please make the review understandable, easy to read and of interest to the readers of our journal;
- Max 1000 words.

Please include some kind of valuation or normative conclusion, for instance:

- This book can be recommended/cannot be recommended/ is of high value/has limited value/ worth reading/must be read by...
- This book has a special value in terms of theory/empirical matters/references, etc.
- I would like to give this book 1/2/3/4/5 stars out of five.
- Or some other summary that you would find appropriate.

You can read some of the already published book reviews on our website to get an impression.

3. Fees

All papers that are accepted for publication will incur an author fee of £1250 plus VAT, discounted by 10% to £1125 plus VAT for IFIC members.

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