



IJIC guidelines for Thesis summaries

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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. Requirements for Thesis summaries

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

The scientific evaluation of your research was already done during the research process and examination. Here we want a presentation that can be of value to the readers of the IJIC. One important aim is to inform the readers about ongoing projects. Readers with special interest may make contact directly with the researcher.

2.1 IJIC Thesis Summary Directions

- The presentation should not exceed 500-800 words and be written in good quality English
- Start with the title of your thesis (and in addition: name of publisher, place of publication, year of publication, ISBN, number of pages), your name (as is on your thesis) and e-mail address. Provide URL of thesis if available.
- Outlines: The aim of this thesis was...
- *Introduction*: Description of research: The research was based on xxxx (describe content and validation); the respondents were xxx (describe who, the numbers and the drop-out).
- *Results/findings*: The results showed that ...Another important finding was ...The study indicated that ...
- *Implications for integrated care*: For the readers of the IJIC it is of special interest to learn ...Further observations related to integration ...Conclusions relevant for integrated care ...
- Please take into account that IJIC has an international readership! Your summary should be comprehensible for readers from all over the world.
- The results presented in this review are based on the author's thesis presented at the ... University on day-month year.

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

3. Fees

Thesis summaries accepted for publication in the IJIC **do not pay** authors fees.

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