

# Contributing to Nurse Researcher

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**One author:** Community-acquired pneumonia has high morbidity and mortality rates (Müller 2015).

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## Journals

**One author:** Müller F (2015) Oral hygiene reduces the mortality from aspiration pneumonia in frail elders.

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Journal of Dental Research. 94, 3 Suppl, 14S-16S.  
doi: 10.1177/0022034514552494

**Two authors:** Blandin K, Pepin R (2017)  
Dementia grief: a theoretical model of a unique  
grief experience. *Dementia*. 16, 1, 67-78.  
doi: 10.1177/1471301215581081

**Three authors:** Hunt PA, Greaves I, Owens WA (2006)  
Emergency thoracotomy in thoracic trauma: a review.  
*Injury*. 37, 1, 1-19. doi: 10.1016/j.injury.2005.02.014

**More than three authors:** Stokes Y, Jacob JD,  
Gifford W et al (2017) Exploring nurses' knowledge  
and experiences related to trauma-informed  
care. *Global Qualitative Nursing Research*. 4.  
doi: 10.1177/2333393617734510

### **Books**

Webster S, de Wreede R (2016) *Embryology at a  
Glance*. Second edition. Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford.

### **Chapters in books**

McErlean L (2017) The digestive system. In Peate I,  
Nair M (Eds) *Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology  
for Nursing and Healthcare Students*. Second edition.  
John Wiley & Sons, Chichester, 257-298.

### **Websites**

Children's Liver Disease Foundation (2020)  
About Us. [childliverdisease.org/about-us](http://childliverdisease.org/about-us)  
(Last accessed: 8 October 2020.)

### **NICE guidelines**

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence  
(2019) *Delirium: Prevention, Diagnosis and  
Management*. Clinical guideline No. 103.  
NICE, London.

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