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We believe that it is important to foster a comprehensive, publicly available database of clinical trials. We therefore request, as a condition of consideration for publication, the registration of all clinical trials in a public trials registry. The ICMJE provides specific guidelines on this topic. [The ICMJE defines a clinical trial](#) as any research project that prospectively assigns human subjects to intervention or concurrent comparison or control groups to study the cause-and-effect relationship between a medical intervention and a health outcome. Medical interventions include drugs, surgical procedures, devices, behavioral treatments, process-of-care changes, and the like.

Salud, Historia y Sanidad On-Line does not advocate one particular registry, but follows the ICMJE recommendations. Because it is critical that trial registries are independent of for-profit interests, the ICMJE policy requires registration in a WHO primary registry rather than solely in an associate registry, since for-profit entities manage some associate registries. The details of the ICMJE policy are published online.

1.7 Reporting guidelines for main study types

The following resources will help you to produce high quality research publications:

- Randomised Trials: [CONSORT](#)
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- Case Report: [CARE](#)
- Qualitative research: [SRQR](#), [COREQ](#)
- Diagnostic/prognostic studies: [STARD](#), [TRIPOD](#)
- Quality improvement studies: [SQUIRE](#)
- Economic evaluations: [CHEERS](#)
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- Study protocols: [SPIRIT](#), [PRISMA-P](#)
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Documented review and approval from a formally constituted review board (Institutional Review Board - IRB - or Ethics committee) is required for all studies (prospective or retrospective) involving people, medical records, and human tissues. Salud, Historia y Sanidad On-Line requires that the authors provide this information on the manuscript's website, and also that they report it explicitly under 'Methods'.

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2. Manuscript preparation

2.1 Manuscript style

Manuscripts should be prepared according to the Uniform Requirements established by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE): http://www.icmje.org/manuscript_1prepare.html

Manuscripts should be prepared using in Spanish or English spelling, and should be submitted as Word files. Submit one manuscript file with the main text, figure legends and tables. Save your file in .doc format.

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2.3 References:

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Editors (ICMJE), also referred to as the "Vancouver" style. Example formats are listed below. Additional examples are in the [ICMJE sample references](#).

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Kerschner H, Pegues JA M. Productive aging: a quality of life agenda. J Am Diet Assoc. 1998;98(12):1445-8.

Silveira T R, da Fonseca JC, Rivera L, Fay OH, Tapia R, Santos JI, et al. Hepatitis B seroprevalence in Latin America. Rev Panam Salud Publica. 1999;6(6):378-83.

b. Article published in several parts:

Lessa I. Epidemiologia do infarto agudo do miocárdio na cidade do Salvador: II, fatores de risco, complicações e causas de morte. Arq Bras Cardiol. 1985;44:255-60.

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Pan American Health Organization, Expanded Program on Immunization. Strategies for the certification of the eradication of wild poliovirus transmission in the Americas. Bull Pan Am Health Organ. 1993;27(3):287-95.

Organisation Mondiale de la Santé, Groupe de Travail. Déficit en glucose-6-phosphate déshydrogénase. Bull World Health Organ. 1990;68(1):13-24.

d. Unsigned article in regular section of a journal:

World Health Organization. Tuberculosis control and research strategies for the 1990s: memorandum from a WHO meeting. Bull World Health Organ. 1992;70(1):17-22.

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a. Individual author:

Pastor Jimeno JC. Anestesia en oftalmología. Barcelona: Ediciones Doyma; 1990.

b. Citing the edition:

Day RA. How to write and publish a scientific paper. 3rd ed. Phoenix, Arizona: Oryx Press; 1988.

c. Corporate author that is also the publisher:

World Health Organization. The SI for the health professions. Geneva: WHO; 1977.

d. Chapter in a book:

Weinstein L, Swartz MN. Pathogenic properties of invading microorganisms. In: Sodeman WA Jr., Sodeman WA, eds. Pathologic physiology: mechanisms of disease. Philadelphia: WB Saunders; 1974. Pp. 457-72.

e. Citing the number of volumes or the specific volume:

Pan American Health Organization. Health conditions in the Americas. 1990 ed. Washington, D.C.: PAHO; 1990. (Scientific Publication 524; 2 vol).

Pan American Health Organization. Volume II: Health conditions in the Americas. 1990 ed. Washington, D.C.: PAHO; 1990. (Scientific Publication 524).

f. Volume with a title:

Kessler RM, Freeman MP. Ischemic cerebrovascular disease. In: Partain CL, Price RR, Patton JA. Magnetic resonance imaging. 2nd ed. Vol. 1: Clinical principles. Philadelphia: Saunders; 1988. Pp. 197-210.

g. Published proceedings of meetings, conferences, symposia, etc:

DuPont B. Bone marrow transplantation in severe combined immunodeficiency with an unrelated MLC compatible donor. In: White HJ, Smith R, eds. Proceedings of the third annual meeting of the International Society for Experimental Hematology. Houston: International Society for Experimental Hematology; 1974. Pp. 44-6.

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Torry S, Schwartz J. Contraceptive tobacco executives admit health risks before Congress. The Washington Post 1998. January 30:A14 (col. 1).

b. Internet and other electronic media:

Internet sites:

Pritzker TJ. An early fragment from Central Nepal [Internet site]. Ingress Communications. Available from: <http://www.ingress.com/~astanart/pritzker/pritzker.html>. Accessed 8 June 1995.

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Kaplan SJ. Post-hospital home health care: the elderly's access and utilization [PhD dissertation]. St. Louis (MO): Washington University; 1995.
Organización Panamericana de la Salud, Programa Regional Mujer, Salud y Desarrollo. Estrategia global, metas y líneas de acción de la cooperación técnica sobre mujer, salud y desarrollo 1992-1993 [photocopy]. Washington, D.C., February 1991.

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¹ Llanos-Cuentas EA, Campos M. Identification and quantification of risk factors associated with New World cutaneous leishmaniasis. [Workshop presentation]. At: International Workshop on Control Strategies for Leishmaniasis, Ottawa, 1-4 June, 1987.

¹Herrick JB [and others]. [Letter to Frank R Morton, Secretary, Chicago Medical Society]. Herrick papers. [1923]. Located at: University of Chicago Special Collections, Chicago, Illinois.

If an article has been accepted for publication and is awaiting publication, the reference should appear as follows:

Wood E, de Licastro SA, Casab N, Picollo MI, Alzogaray R, Zerba E. Beta-cypermethrin-impregnated fabrics: a new tactic for *Triatoma infestans* control. Rev Panam Salud Publica. Forthcoming 1999.

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Harley NH. Comparing radon daughter dosimetric and risk models. In: Gammage RB, Kaye SV, eds. Indoor air and human health: proceedings of

the Seventh Life Sciences Symposium; 1984 Oct 29-31; Knoxville, Tennessee. Chelsea, Michigan: Lewis; 1985. Pp. 69-78.

World Health Organization. Primary health care: report of the International Conference on Primary Health Care; 1978 Sept; Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, former U.S.S.R. Geneva: WHO; 1979.

Unpublished conference papers should be given as footnotes to the main body of the article.

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As stated by Kassirer & Angell [Kassirer JP, Angell M. Financial conflicts of interest in biomedical research. N Engl J Med. 1993 Aug 19;329(8):570-1. PubMed PMID: 8204121] "unlike reports of original research, these articles represent the judgment of their authors, based on their evaluation of the literature. What studies they select to discuss and their analysis of them are necessarily subjective. Bias may be extremely difficult to detect because these articles contain no primary data to speak for themselves." Nonetheless, disclosing relationships that could be

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6. Letters to the editor.

Letters to the editor that clarify, discuss, or comment in a constructive manner on ideas expressed in the RPSP/PAJPH are welcomed. Letters should be signed by the author and specify his or her professional affiliation and mailing address.

3.1 Original Article

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The Discussion should spell out the major conclusions of the work along with some explanation or speculation on the significance of these conclusions. How do the conclusions affect the existing assumptions and models in the field? How can future research build on these observations? What are the key experiments that must be done? The Discussion should be concise and tightly argued.

References:

References must be limited to those that are necessary. Salud, Historia y Sanidad On-Line does not restrict the number of references; however suggests not exceed 30 for manuscripts

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