Preparing your research for publication

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Start your publication plan early…

- **What, Why, Where, When** and **Who** will publish the project findings?
- Authorship group
  - Substantial contributions to the completion or design of the work or the acquisition, analysis or interpretation of the data
  - Drafting work or revising it critically for important intellectual content
  - Final approval of the version to be published
  - Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work – including accuracy, integrity etc.

Excerpt from Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research*

Getting it ready

- What is the statement of the problem that your research sought to address?
  - What is known about the topic?
  - What is the existing knowledge gap?
  - How does your study aim to bridge or contribute to filling the gap in knowledge?

- What is **central focus** of your research?

- How do the findings of your research advance knowledge in your chosen research or practice area?

- Implications of your research for future research investigations

Choosing a publication

- Think about the main publications in your area of research/practice

- What journals are cited most often in your area of research?

- Check SCIMAGO and AIMS, SCOPE and KEY WORDS for the journal

- Send it to a journal that will be read by your colleagues

- If you are not sure….most publications have an editorial team that will let you know if your article fits their publication or not

Publication guidelines

- Follow the rules set out for you by the publication…

- Edit, edit, edit…

- Map out your drafts according to the guidelines…

Author Guidelines

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Excerpt from Child: Care, Health & Development

Mapping out your publication

- Check for any word limits for different types of research

- Drafting up the structure – use the headings from the author instructions and check for any specific information required
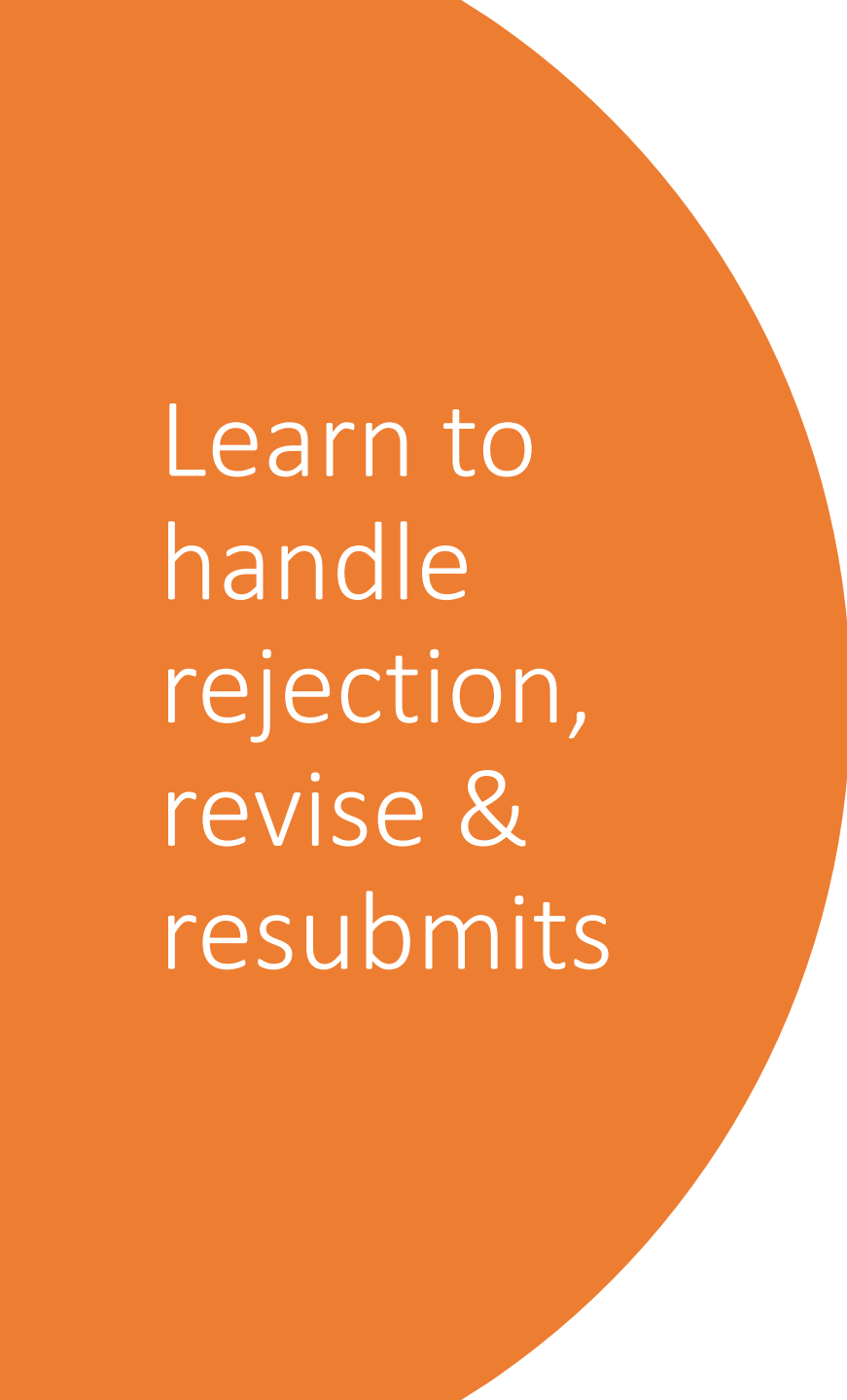
- Begin to transfer your project across to the structure given by the publication

- Set up a folder for the draft manuscript, tables figures etc.

- ENDNOTE or referencing

Learn to handle rejection, revise & resubmits

- Peer review – positive and negative feedback – get used to it!
- Some publications will reject your paper
- Reject and re-submit
- Some publications will reject and recommend another publication
- Progress to peer-review
- Major and minor amendments
- Acceptance of paper
- Getting the word out about your paper.

Consider alternative options for publication

- Open Access

- Knowledge translation

- Brief reports – mini journal articles

- Newsletters

- Electronic media

Building up your publications…

- Being part of a larger writing group within your networks

- Look out for practice-based research opportunities

- Quality improvement opportunities

Resources

- SCIMAGO – Journal Ranking
  - https://www.scimagojr.com/

- Prospero – register of protocols for systematic reviews
  - https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/prospero/

- Authorship guidelines*
  - https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/attachments/Authorship-Guide.pdf

- Examples of knowledge translation
  - https://www.cp-achieve.org.au/resources/