

# About the Journal and Instructions to Authors

## About the Journal

Gujarat Cancer Society Research Journal is a biannually (April and October) peer-reviewed journal published by the Gujarat Cancer Society (formerly published as GCS Research Bulletin). The journal's full text is available online at <http://www.cancerindia.org>

## Scope of the Journal

The Journal intends to cover basic, clinical, clinico-basic research and medical education carried out by the staff of the Gujarat Cancer Society and Gujarat Cancer and Research Institute related to human well being including ethical and social issues in the field of Oncology. The Journal gives preferences to original scientific papers, case reports, anecdotal reports and mini reviews. It may comprise invited review articles, publish oration speeches and work presented in the clinical meetings and the journal clubs. Hence it will continue to serve as an academic-research bridge between the basic sciences and the applied sciences, viz. various disciplines of medicine within and outside GCS-GCRI.

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- Title page
- Abstract
- Main text
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- Acknowledgments (optional)
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- References
- Tables
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- Uniformly American English
- Abbreviations spelt out in full for the first time
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Miyamoto O, Auer RN: Hypoxia, hyperoxia, ischemia and brain necrosis. *Neurology* [serial online] 2000; 54:362-71. Available at: [www.neurology.org](http://www.neurology.org). Accessed February 23, 2000.

#### **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: Saunders, 1974: 457-472

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Garrow A, Weinhouse GL: Anoxic brain injury: assessment and prognosis. In: *Up To Date Cardiovascular Medicine* [online] Available at: [www.UpToDateInc.com/card](http://www.UpToDateInc.com/card). Accessed February 22, 2000.

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