Why publish?

- Find a writing ‘mentor’
- Read journals
- Examine writing ‘styles’
- Talk with other authors about their experiences
- Know the journals in your area
- Meet Editors when you have the opportunity
- Share your knowledge and experiences with others
Who?

- Who has made a substantial contribution to the work?
- Who has written the article?
- Signed consent from all named authors
- Other contributors named in the acknowledgement section, with their written permission
What?

- Literature review
- Research report
- Short report
- Opinion piece
- Letter
Which journal?

- Look in your library
- Check the aims of the journal
- Look at the author guidelines
  - Printed in the journal
  - On the journal website
Beware of salami slicing!
How to write your article

- Read the author guidelines

- Follow them exactly!!
  - Length
  - Structure
  - Abstract
  - References
Writing style

- Short words
- Short sentences
- 1st person
- Plural
- Gender neutral
- International readers

- No jargon
- Explain abbreviations
- No thesaurus!
- Cross out as many ‘the’s as possible
Literature review

Give details of how the literature search was done:

• Databases
• Search terms
• Restrictions – dates, languages
• Number of articles found
• Inclusion/exclusion criteria
• Hand searching
Literature review

- Analysis
- Critique
- What’s new?
- Use tables to summarise articles included
Research report (1)

- Background
- Literature review
- Aims/purpose
- Design
- Ethical issues and approval
- Research methods
- Results/findings
Discussion:

• Link the findings to the literature
• Limitations
• Rigour
• Conclusions
When you have written it

- Read it out aloud to yourself
- Get your co-authors to check it
- Get a colleague to check it
- Try it out on a ‘consumer’
How shall I submit the article?

- Check the author guidelines again!
  - Paper copy
  - Electronically
When will we hear if our article is being accepted?

- What happens when we receive your article?

  We check it!
The reviewing process

- Sent to two reviewers
- Checked by editor
  - Accept
  - Revise
  - Reject
- Back to author
- Back to reviewer?
- Checked by editor
  - Accept
  - Revise
  - Reject
- Detailed check and edit
- Accept
The final stage

- Receiving the proofs
- Checking the proofs
- Seeing your article in print
- Receiving offprints
Resource

- Nurse Author & Editor

Free publication found at:

http://www.nurseauthoreditor.com/
Questions?

- What have been your experiences of publishing?