

Call for *MJA* submissions

*Have you got a paper burning a hole in your desk, waiting to be sent to your favourite journal?
Or an idea for an article, needing just a little more inspiration to push it into print?
Now could be your big chance!*

This year, the *MJA* will be publishing five special theme issues, and we are inviting submissions in all categories of articles (Research, Viewpoints, For Debate, Clinical Updates, Snapshots, and even Editorials, although these last should be discussed with an editor first to check suitability). Last year's big hits were *Women's Health* (16 June 2003) and *Chronic Illness* (1 September 2003). This year's special issues are shown in the Box and the closing dates for submissions. Please remember that a lot of work is involved in preparing a manuscript for publication, including editorial assessment, peer review, revision, editing and finally page layout — it doesn't happen overnight, so the sooner you can submit your material, the better.

July will be a very special month for us because it is our 90th birthday — we hope our readers will be able to help us celebrate in style. In the decade since our last anniversary issue, there have been major changes to the Journal and to how readers prefer to receive and use their medical information. We would like to know what you think of the Journal, how medical journals and the *MJA* have changed over your years of reading, and what kind of journal you would like the *MJA* to be on our 100th anniversary. We would also be very interested to know which *MJA* articles have made a difference to the way you practise medicine or have affected the way you treated a particular patient. Finally, we would be interested in your views on changes in medicine in the last decade.

MJA theme issues 2004

17 May — Indigenous Health

Closed to research manuscripts

5 July — MJA's 90th Anniversary

Closing date 19 April

19 July — General Practice

Closing date 15 March

16 August — Doctors' Health and Lifestyle

Closing date 10 May

18 October — Adolescent Health

Closing date 5 July

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In all issues and all categories, we're looking for originality, innovation, topicality and positivity, with a focus on "health" rather than disease. Do consult our *Advice to authors* for submission requirements and details of article categories (www.mja.com.au/public/information/instruc.html).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

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