



## Writing for CompassPoint

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### **Tips**

- Find a sufficiently skilled mentor!!!
- Clear and concise title
- Develop an outline
- Write in past tense
- Reference the work and ideas of others
- Check for errors (spelling, grammar, sentence structure, references)
- Submit to CompassPoint ([acn@campnurse.org](mailto:acn@campnurse.org))– ***Don't wait til it's perfect***

### **CP Writing Topics**

- “Rash Decisions” – becoming better at delineating different types of rashes and how to respond in the camp setting
- Appropriate Healthcare Providers at Camp – What makes them “appropriate”? How do we determine best licensure and effective staff ratios?
- Antimicrobial Update – newest and latest in antibiotics for common infections
- Seizures at camp – What do you do? What is the appropriate response? Can your camp care for a child with seizures? What is your staff training? Medications?
- mTBI update/Concussions
- Understanding food allergies – Is it allergy/intolerance/avoidance? How do we manage this at camp? What types of questions might we ask in our application that lend us guidance to these issues?
- Eastern Therapy in Western culture – More individuals are seeking eastern treatment options (herbals, acupuncture) as an alternative for pain and healing. How does this impact camps? What might be your camp’s position on eastern therapies?
- The new age of pharmacokinetics and pharmacogenetics – How we prescribe and care for campers can be related to their genetic makeup? What are some common medications that might have a strong “interaction” with our genetics?
- Treating foodborne illness – does the camp have a plan for how to handle foodborne illness in the event of an outbreak? It is not communicable but can be widespread.
- Community acquired pneumonia – can this happen at camp? How might we care for these individuals?
- Parasitic infections endemic to US – impact on camp?
- The role camps can play in addressing bullying? Opportunities to role play and share the impact of these behaviors on others?

- Where is camp health services headed? What is on the horizon? What are consistent messages that nurses need to hear?
- Care for the new camp nurse – What are essential tools for supporting the nurse entering the new camp nurse role? What information is vital to success in the role?
- What are the best online resources for camp nurses? How might they use these in their practice?
- Mental, Emotional, And Social Health Issues – Community living versus Home living? Self-managing emotions? Methods to promote success for campers with anxiety or depression?

### **Writing Mentor**

- ACN has a Mentorship Council who will assist you with writing, development of ideas, or any aspect of publication.
- The ACN Editor will assist with promoting and writing about your ideas related to camp health.