

Guide for Authors

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Type of Abstracts

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- *Journal Articles, More than Three Authors*
 2. Petry J, McDonald R, Spevak P, et al: endometriosis in adolescent patients. *J Adolesc Health Care* 1986; 2:109
- *Journal Articles, Online Ahead of Print*
 3. Gillespie L, Hicks, CW, Santana, M, et al: The Acceptability of Human Papillomavirus Vaccine among Parents and Guardians of Newborn to 10-year-old Children. *J Pediatr Adolesc Gynecol.* (2010). Doi:10.1016/j.jpag.2010.07.004
- *Textbook*
 4. Golden D: *Clinical Diagnosis in Pediatric Gynecology*, New York, Springer-Verlag, 1985, pp 1-22
- *Chapter in Book*
 5. Scott R: Neuroendocrinological development in pubertal females. In: *Pediatric Adolescent Gynecology*, (2nd ed.). Edited by J Alexander. Philadelphia, W.B. Saunders, 1988, pp 108-142

- *Edited Book*
6. Gold A (ed): Molecular Biology as Applied to Adolescent Gynecology. Chicago, Yearbook Publishers, 1984, pp 57-89
- *No Author Given*
7. Contraceptive use by teenagers (editorial). B Med J 1981; 283:628
- *Issue with No Volume*
8. Adams D: Chlamydia and pelvic inflammatory disease. Obstet Gynecol 1989;(3):353
- *Newspaper Article*
9. Barry D: Infertility on increase. The Washington Post 1980 Aug 7; Sec. A: 2(col. 5)
- *Audiovisual*
10. Laparoscopic laser treatment of endometriosis (videorecording). Louisville (KY):University of Louisville School of Medicine, 1991.
- *Dataset*
11. Oguro M, Imahiro S, Saito S, Nakashizuka T. Mortality data for Japanese oak wilt disease and surrounding forest compositions, Mendeley Data, v1; 2015. <http://dx.doi.org/10.17632/xwj98nb39r.1>.

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Text is limited up to 3 references and up to 3 tables and/or figures. The case report should have a clear purpose and teaching point; simply being the first case reported does not usually justify publication.

1. **Abstract.** Case reports should have a structured abstract of no more than **200 words**, organized as follows:

- *Background:* importance of the subject matter and specific purpose of the report
- *Case:* Pertinent information regarding clinical findings, laboratory results, treatment and outcome
- *Summary and Conclusion:* Findings and relevant clinical application of information.

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