



**Guidelines for Writing an Article for  
“Surgery STAT”...an ACVS column in *DVM Newsmagazine***

**1. General Guidelines:**

Articles are written for the primary care practitioner with basic surgical experience and provide tips for preoperative preparation, surgical techniques, and postoperative care. As an example, an article might talk about “here’s how to avoid this possible complication” or “when you’re doing this, here’s something to remember that might make things easier.” The articles *must not* be opinion-based or imply that one procedure is better than another.

**Examples of acceptable articles:**

- Relatively new techniques or procedures (e.g., tigh trope cruciate repair, upside down PU, new bandaging techniques for wound management).
- Relatively new devices or implants and associated procedures (e.g., total knee replacement, sliding humeral osteotomy, tracheal stents for tracheal collapse).
- Comparison or explanation when to use techniques or new approaches (e.g., various cruciate repair techniques, when to do Zepp vs. TECA, internal vs. external fixation of fractures).

Articles should offer practical and insightful information (here’s a suggestion about avoiding this possible complication or this might be an easier way to do [blank]).

Video clips are encouraged. These will be available in *DVM Newsmagazine*’s online version of Surgery STAT.

This is not a peer-reviewed publication. References need not be provided. In special circumstances one or two references may be included within the text of the journal.

**2. Six easy steps to publication:**

Provide the following to the Public Outreach Committee:

1. Article: approximately 500-800 words in Microsoft Word format (very long articles - 1000+ words - can be separated into 2 or 3 monthly columns)
2. Images: send as separate documents (File size is ideally 500Kb or larger and one of the images should be a head shot of the author)
3. Figure legends
4. Byline that includes author name, credentials and affiliated institution
5. Short biography  
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- 6.** The following forms will need to be signed and faxed to *DVM Newsmagazine*:
- DVM License Agreement
  - W-9 (or W-8BEN for non U.S. Citizens)

A member of the Public Outreach Committee will provide a courtesy review and then submit the above elements to *DVM Newsmagazine*. Authors have a brief opportunity to review the article prior to publication. *DVM Newsmagazine* will pay a \$150 honorarium. For more information contact [acvs@acvs.org](mailto:acvs@acvs.org).