



## Workshop 2

### Academic Research Writing



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Professor Martin CS Wong is a specialist in Family Medicine with a research interest in cancer screening and prevention. He is Co-Chairman of the Grant Review Board of the Health and Medical Research Fund (HMRF), the Food and Health Bureau; a Reviewer of the Medical Research Council (MRC), the United Kingdom; Expert Reviewer of the National Medical Research Council (NMRC) and Health Services Research Grant, Ministry of Health, Singapore. Prof. Wong has published over 300 journal articles, and received over ten research awards in the discipline. He is currently the Co-Chair of the NCD stream, Association of the Pacific Rim Universities, actively promoting global collaborative research.



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Professor Doris Young has over 35 years' experience educating and training medical students, registrars, general practitioners and other health professionals in adolescent medicine, general practice and primary care research. She has published widely on General Practice integration models with the wider healthcare system. Her research focussed on trialling innovative models of care in the primary care setting to improve health outcomes for people with chronic diseases in culturally and linguistically diverse and disadvantaged communities. She is currently a Professor and Head of the new Department of Family Medicine at the National University Health System, Singapore.



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Mr Alan Purvis is the Managing Editor of the Hong Kong Medical Journal and HKAM Press, which also publishes the Asian Journal of Gerontology and Geriatrics, East Asian Archives of Psychiatry, Hong Kong Journal of Gynaecology, Obstetrics and Midwifery, Hong Kong Journal of Ophthalmology, and Hong Kong Journal of Radiology. Mr Purvis has >10 years' experience working in Asia with non-native English speakers, and has helped the authors of >1000 research papers achieve their publication goals. Mr Purvis is a Professional Member of the Society for Editors and Proofreaders and a member of several other societies dedicated to promoting best practices in scholarly publishing (EASE, CSE, ISMTE, and ISMPP).

English has become the de facto 'language of science', with more than 80% of scholarly works published in English. Authors are also often under pressure not only to publish their research but also to maximise their 'impact'. Papers published in English tend to attract higher citation rates, so naturally authors are motivated to use English. However, communicating complex scientific, technical, or medical research in a clear and concise way is hard, even for native English speakers. Thus, it is a particular challenge for the 95% of the world population who are non-native English speakers. In addition to the difficulties in writing the manuscript, non-native authors face further obstacles during the submission and review processes used by many journals.

This workshop will present some of the key challenges faced by non-native English authors when writing and submitting articles to medical journals. Topics will include preparing research papers for submission to medical journals, maximising the chance of acceptance in your chosen journal, and using English to communicate your research clearly and concisely. The workshop will provide practical advice and examples that will help you achieve your publication goals.