



Blog Contributor Guidelines

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The Medicine Cabinet is the [ATA Medical Division](#) blog, a space for members to share practical knowledge, professional experiences, resources, and developments relevant to medical translation and interpreting.

Our goal is to provide useful, timely, and accessible content for Medical Division members.

What we are looking for

We welcome articles on medical translation, interpreting, and other areas of medical language work. Topics may include terminology, medical specialties, clinical trials, medical devices, public health, technology, ethics, patient safety, professional development, books, conferences, webinars, and other resources or experiences relevant to our members.

Have another idea? We would love to hear from you.

If you are writing about a conference or event, focus on what you learned, the most useful takeaways, and why the event may be relevant to medical translators or interpreters.

Length and format

Most posts should be 600 to 1,200 words.

Please submit your article as a Word document and include your name, email address, and a short professional bio of approximately 50 to 100 words. If you include images, tables, or other material you did not create, please provide the source and any necessary permission information.

Writing, style, and sources

Keep articles clear, focused, and easy to read online. Use a descriptive title, short paragraphs, and headings, lists, or tables when they make the article easier to follow.

The blog uses US English and follows the latest edition of the [Chicago Manual of Style](#). We use the serial (Oxford) comma.

Authors are responsible for the accuracy of their articles. Medical, scientific, regulatory, and patient-safety claims should be supported by reliable sources when appropriate.

Please do not include confidential or identifiable patient, client, institution, or project information without appropriate permission.

For additional guidance, see the [ATA Savvy Linguist Guidelines for Authors](#) and ATA's [Writing for the Web](#) recommendations.

Editorial review

Our editors will review your article for content, clarity, organization, and style. If a piece includes highly specialized or sensitive medical information, we may also ask a subject-matter expert to review it.

We may suggest changes, but you will have the opportunity to review substantial edits before publication. We will not publish a final version without your approval.

Promotional content and ATA policies

Articles should inform or educate rather than advertise. Authors may mention their professional background when relevant, but submissions should not primarily promote services, companies, products, or courses.

All submissions must comply with the [ATA Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility](#) and the [ATA Antitrust Compliance Policy](#). In particular, articles should not recommend specific rates or fees, establish standard pricing, or encourage coordinated business practices.

Copyright and publication

Submissions should be original, and authors are responsible for obtaining permission to use copyrighted material.

The Medical Division may promote published articles through its website, email communications, social media, and other ATA channels.

If you have questions or would like to propose an article before submitting it, please contact blog@ata-md.org.

We look forward to receiving your contributions!