Book Review

WRITING THE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PAPER

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Extended duty as associate editor, referee and reviewer taught the author scientific merit does not assure one his research paper will be published. Rejection too often results from deficiencies in style, format or structure, from inept tables and illustrations, even from inappropriate choice of journals. This informative and engaging pamphlet is a constructive effort to resolve this problem.

It would seem most anyone — beginner or not — may benefit from study of these sixty-five pages. The graduate stu-

dent should find this a beacon; the clinician preparing a paper for his peers, in particular, can profit from the advice on the structure of his material and on the effectiveness of illustrations, both line and photographic; even the established researcher may find clues he has previously overlooked. To this reviewer the emphasis on brevity and clarity, and the value of adhering to a given journal's style were noteworthy.

Lest it be assumed this is a dull and abstract volume, I found a genuine pleasure in reading it. Concise and direct (there is not a wasted word), it is occasionally sparked by a wry humor and even the magnificent understatement. It may be regarded as a solid exposition of a complex subject.

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