



## Types of Articles Quiz

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Directions: Effective written communication requires the author to consider the intended message and audience and use a form appropriate to both. Medical journal articles fit into one of the following main types: reports of original data; review articles; descriptive articles; consensus statements and clinical practice guidelines; articles of opinion; correspondence; reviews of books, journals, and other media; and other types (those items that do not fit any of the other major categories). Read the following sentences and indicate in which type of article those sentences are most likely to appear.

Consult chapter 1 (pp 3-6) of the *AMA Manual of Style* for guidance.

**1. We studied a cohort of 150 patients 65 years or older with recently diagnosed atrial fibrillation to determine the patterns of use of warfarin and the risk of subsequent stroke among older men and women.**

- a. report of original data
- b. review article
- c. clinical practice guideline
- d. article of opinion

**2. We searched PubMed (January 1, 1976, through April 30, 2011), EMBASE (January 1, 1985, through April 30, 2011), and the Cochrane Library (January 1, 1987, through April 30, 2011) using common keywords related to  $\omega$ 3 fatty acids and cardiovascular disease.**

- a. report of original data
- b. review article
- c. consensus statement
- d. other

**3. Sigmund Lustgarten died on January 22, 1911, at his home in New York City at the age of 53 years.**

- a. report of original data
- b. descriptive article
- c. article of opinion
- d. other

**4. An American Foundation for Suicide Prevention planning group invited 15 experts on the subject to evaluate the state of knowledge about physician depression and suicide and barriers to treatment.**

- a. report of original data
- b. consensus statement
- c. article of opinion
- d. correspondence



**5. We believe evidence-based medicine promises to eliminate both intentional bias and the frequent misimpressions born of a physician's limited personal experience.**

- a. report of original data
- b. descriptive article
- c. consensus statement
- d. article of opinion

**6. In last month's issue of your journal, Smith et al reported that purple urine is a symptom of urinary tract infection; however, purple urine can be a phenomenon that is related to factors other than urinary catheters or their bags.**

- a. descriptive article
- b. consensus statement
- c. correspondence
- d. review of books, journals, and other media

**7. Using a meta-analysis, we investigated the efficacy of eicosapentaenoic acid and docosahexaenoic acid in the secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease.**

- a. review article
- b. consensus statement
- c. clinical practice guideline
- d. article of opinion

**8. This third edition of *Fracture Management for Primary Care*, published 8 years after the second, has been enhanced while maintaining its basic framework.**

- a. descriptive article
- b. article of opinion
- c. correspondence
- d. review of books, journals, and other media

**9. In this article, we described a 22-month-old boy with no family history of retinoblastoma who had bilateral retinoblastoma.**

- a. descriptive article
- b. consensus statement
- c. article of opinion
- d. other

**10. This article outlines the new American Cancer Society process for creating trustworthy cancer screening guidelines.**

- a. report of original data
- b. descriptive article
- c. clinical practice guideline
- d. article of opinion

