Course in Medical Publishing
How to write a scientific paper
A clinical researcher’s guide to medical writing
October 29 and 30, 2013, Oslo

8.00-8.30 Registration and Welcome
8.30-9.00 Publishing in the New England Journal of Medicine
Mary Beth Hamel

9.00 Session 1 Preparations and requirements
9.00-9.20 Things to have in place before writing a manuscript
Michael Bretthauer
9.20-9.30 Discussion

9.30 Session 2 From manuscript to published paper
9.00-9.45 What is a good paper, for which audience
Mette Kalager
9.45-10.00 Discussion
10.00-10.15 Coffee break
10.15-10.35 How to get the Editor interested in my paper?
Erlend Hem
10.35-10.50 How to attract the reader’s eye – the importance of tables and figures
Siri Lunde
10.50-11.00 Discussion
11.00-11.30 Scientific writing in English – do you understand me?
Mary Beth Hamel
11.30-12.00 How to revise my paper? What should I do if my paper is rejected?
Erlend Hem
12.00-12.15 Discussion
12.15-13.00 Lunch

**13.00-14.30 Session 3  Break-out**
The course is divided into 5 groups. Each group is assigned to one course teacher:
- Group 1: Mary Beth Hamel
- Group 2: Erlend Hem
- Group 3: Mette Kalager
- Group 4: Siri Lunde
- Group 5: Michael Bretthauer

14.30-14.45 Coffee break

**14.45-15.45 Session 4  Summary**
Summary of group break-outs in plenum
*Presentation of group evaluations of papers and discussion*

15.45-16.00 **Course evaluation and sum up**
During the last 10 minutes of the course, a computer-based evaluation will be performed.

**Venue:**
Institute for Health and Society, Dep. of Health Economics and Health Management, Forskningsveien 2B, Oslo, entrance floor

**Information:**
**Audience:** This course is intended for clinicians and clinical researchers with some experience in medical writing, or with interest in starting to write or review scientific papers.

**Expected workload:** The course requires attendance (8 hours), and adequate preparation of the three papers which will be sent out to each participant four weeks before the course. The expected workload for preparation of the papers prior to the course date is 8 hours (16 hours in total).

**Accreditation:** Approved as “Valgfritt kurs (8 timer) at Legeforeningen and UiO forskerutdanning”, and 1 credit at PhD program, UiO

**Course fee:** NOK 2500 (includes lunch and coffee/snacks, and diploma of attendance)

**Where to register:** [https://www.uio.no/studier/evu/kurs/med/](https://www.uio.no/studier/evu/kurs/med/)

**Course teachers:**
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- Erlend Hem MD, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of the Norwegian Medical Association
- Mette Kalager MD, University of Oslo, Harvard School of Public Health, Telemark Hospital
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