

New editorial guidelines

Initial acceptance criteria

- Manuscripts must be submitted through the Revista Bioética website at: https://revistabioetica.cfm.org.br/index.php/revista_bioetica/about/submissions#onlineSubmissions in Rich Text Format (RTF);
- If the article has more than one author, all authors must already be registered in the platform at the time of submission;
- Manuscripts in Portuguese, Spanish, or English will be accepted;
- Manuscripts will only be accepted in their online version, being of conceptual, documentary nature, resulting from research or experiences in the field of bioethics or medical ethics, and critical reviews related to such subjects;
- Preprint articles will be accepted, deposited in reliable servers, before or in parallel to the submission;
- All manuscripts will be submitted to the scrutiny of the editors, the Editorial Board, and ad hoc reviewers. Authors and evaluators are given the option of disclosing their identities, thus promoting informed peer review.
- The rule that each article must receive two approval opinions will be maintained;
- Current spelling rules of the language must be followed;
- Works in PDF format or with the “track changes” feature activated **will not be accepted under any circumstances**;
- Works shall not be concurrently forwarded to other journals;
- The opinions and concepts presented in the articles, the origin, the accuracy of the citations, as well as the citation and references of all data, codes, methods, and other materials used and resulting from the research are the responsibility of the authors;
- **Manuscripts that, in whole or partially, without due reference, reproduce works by other authors, as well as articles, or a substantial part thereof, already published by any author, will be summarily rejected**;
- All manuscripts are checked with the **iThenticate**. The results retrieved by the software are carefully analyzed to identify whether they refer to citations or improper copies.

Requirements and formatting for submission

- Manuscripts must, MANDATORILY and due to new SciELO requirements, be accompanied by an initial sheet, containing:
 - » Full name of each author, accompanied by their email address;
 - » Highest academic title: undergraduate student; undergraduate; graduate (specialist); master; PhD; associate professor;
 - » Institutional affiliation. When there is none, identify as an independent researcher;
 - » Course, program or project, department, and school/university (MANDATORY for students and professors);
 - » Each author’s ORCID-iD;
 - » Link to the Lattes CV;
 - » City, state, country

- Inform the responsible author and the postal address, which will be published on the last page of the article. Also send the telephone number exclusively for exchanging information with the editorial team on an urgent basis;
- If the first author is not responsible for contacting the remaining authors about revisions until the final approval of the work, specify the name, telephone, and email address of the person responsible.
- Each author's individual collaboration in the preparation of the manuscript must be described at the end.
- If the article has been previously submitted to another journal, but not published, the author must name the journal and, if necessary, proof shall be presented that the work will not be published by it.
- The article title must be concise and explanatory (up to 10 words), presented in all three languages;
- **Subtitles (up to 6 words);**
- Maximum length: 6,000 words;
- Articles in Portuguese must include a concise *resumo* of no more than 150 words, with translations into Spanish (*resumen*) and English (*abstract*). Keywords should be listed at the end of the abstracts in the original language and in the two mandatory translations. They must begin with a capital letter and be separated by periods;
- Keywords: up to seven **exact terms**, chosen from the Health Sciences Descriptors (DeCS) database.;
- Articles must be formatted as follows: A4 page size, *Calibri* font, size 10, spacing 1.5, margins of 2.5, justified alignment;
- Titles must be **highlighted in green** and written in the current form, that is, only the first letter of the sentence and proper names shall be capitalized.
- There should be no paragraph indentation or any other formatting tag to increase or decrease the distance between them;
- This word limit does not include references, work identification, and abstracts in the three languages, regarded separately;
- Texts must be divided into sections, with titles and subtitles (up to six words), when necessary. Each part or subpart must be highlighted in **green**, never by progressive numbering. To make a subtitle explicit within a title, use *italics*;
- When an author is cited in the body of the text, place the reference number only at the end of the citation, in superscript, as in the example: Potter ¹;
- International treaties cited in the body of the text should be written in italics (e.g.: *Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights* or *Declaration of Helsinki*) and assigned a reference number;
- Papers including footnotes will not be accepted. Any and all explanations or considerations must be included in the body of the text.

Editorial flow

Initial phase

Upon receipt, the manuscript is checked for text and abstract length, as well as formatted and checked for originality using the Plagiarism Detection Software (**iThenticate**). References are also checked during

this initial phase, ensuring their completeness, correct numbering, and presentation in Vancouver style, following the author guidelines. Editorial adequacy, spelling, and grammatical aspects are also observed, and the keywords are checked on the Health Science Descriptors (DeCS) database. When applicable, the manuscript will be returned to the authors for adjustments. If the number or nature of the changes identified are considered significant, the manuscript may be rejected with guidance on possible resubmission, subject to compliance with the indicated specifications. The editorial team has up to 30 days to complete this stage. If no changes are required at this stage, as after receiving the rectified version by the authors, the next phase of the editorial process begins.

Evaluation stage

- *Revista Bioética*, in line with the criteria of the main indexing platforms, adopts two types of peer review: double-blind peer review and open peer review. The review method is chosen by the authors at the time of submission, when they must indicate one of the two modalities offered by the journal. If they opt for *open review*, they must also complete the Open Science Compliance Form made available by SciELO. Likewise, reviewers may choose, when accepting the evaluation of a manuscript in our system, between *open peer review* or double-blind peer review. Both options, whether open or anonymous, follow the same evaluation procedures described below, in accordance with the principles of open science.;
- *Revista Bioética* ensures that both authors and reviewers have the option of disclosing their identities during the review process, provided there is a request and mutual consent;
- Articles are sent to evaluators with training in the specific area of work (specialties in health and biology, law, philosophy, social sciences, etc.), to another who is a current researcher or has already discussed the topic (health inequities, human rights, abortion, dysthanasia, genetics, ethics in research, etc.), and also to the *Revista Bioética* Board or bioethics researchers with *lato* or *stricto sensu* training in Bioethics to assess the use of ethical concepts and categories. Each manuscript will be forwarded to an initial collection of reviewers—members of the editorial board and *ad hoc* reviewers—and, if those initially designated are unable to carry out this voluntary task within the stipulated period, other evaluators will be selected among the registered collaborators and the peer-review process will restart. The evaluation criteria are: content, framing, editorial adequacy, originality of the ideas presented, topicality, clarity of the text, adequacy of language, relevance of information, coherence and conceptual and methodological logic, as well as the title, abstract, indication and the name of the parts of the manuscript, indication of the objectives, method, presentation of results, discussion and final considerations. We also check if references are adequate and up to date;
- The editorial process of a manuscript may take, on average, **44 weeks** from submission. During the first **12 weeks**, the article undergoes internal steps: **plagiarism check, formatting review, initial editing, and evaluation by the editor** regarding scope and quality. Only after this stage is the manuscript sent for **peer review**, which may require several rounds of revision. Once **final acceptance** is granted, the **production and publication** phase begins, which may take **up to an additional 32 weeks**. This process, aligned with international practices and indexing standards, ensures scientific rigor and editorial quality;
- An article may be accepted without the need for changes, accepted conditional on mandatory corrections, or rejected;
- the manuscript is accepted without changes, it is the responsibility of the associate editor to communicate the editorial decision to the corresponding author and subsequently proceed to the following stages: review, copyediting, translation, layout, and conversion;

- In case of disagreement between the two reviewers, a third review is necessarily requested;
- If the manuscript is accepted *as long as mandatory corrections are carried out*, it is also the responsibility of the associate editor to forward the latest version to the author for revisions, within a maximum period of thirty (30) days; after the corrections, the manuscript must be resubmitted to the reviewers if they indicated on the review form that they wished to verify whether the changes were satisfactorily made; otherwise, the associate editor assumes this verification and, finally, informs the author of the final decision;
- If the manuscript is *rejected*, it is the responsibility of the associate editor to contact the author and send the review reports substantiating the rejection decision;
- In accordance with the principles of Open Science, both authors and reviewers are consulted on whether the evaluation will be conducted as open peer review or double-blind peer review (see annex). If the authors opt for open peer review, the review request is sent to the reviewers without anonymization; if they choose double-blind, all necessary anonymization procedures are applied. Similarly, reviewers may choose, when completing the **Review Form**, to disclose their identity: a) during the review process, in which case their identification will be open throughout all stages; or b) only after publication of the article, if accepted, in which case the reviewer's name will appear on the last page of the published article, alongside the name of the section editor or organizer. If the reviewer chooses to remain anonymous throughout the process, the names of the journal's editors will, by default, be published on the last page of the article.

Research articles

- The publication of research papers involving human subjects is the responsibility of the authors and must comply with the *Standards and Guidelines for Research Involving Human Subjects* (CNS Resolution 466/2012) and CNS Resolution 510/2016 on the standards applicable to research in human and social sciences whose methodological procedures involve the use of data directly obtained from the participants, information that can be identifiable or that may entail greater risks than those present in our everyday lives. The principles of the *Declaration of Helsinki*, of the World Medical Association (1964 and subsequent reformulations prior to 2008) must also be considered, in addition to complying with the specific legislation of the country where the research was developed;
- Research carried out in Brazil must include the approval opinion number in the CEP/Conep System, as well as a copy of the approval opinion on the submission platform;
- *Revista Bioética* supports the clinical trials registration policies of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), recognizing the importance of such initiatives for the registration and international dissemination of information on clinical studies in open access. Therefore, research articles on clinical trials must have received an identification number in one of the clinical trials registers validated by the criteria established by the WHO/ICMJE—which must be presented at the end of the abstract—to be accepted;
- The description of the research method must be complete and thorough. It is essential to identify who were the research subjects, *how*, *where*, and *when* the study was conducted, which data collection and analysis techniques were employed, including the name of the programs used and measurement measures adopted;
- When approving research articles, the authors must send a term of responsibility referring to the content of the work, attesting

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Data sharing and repository recommendations

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Authorization for publication

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Tables and illustrations

Each article can only be accompanied by *tree* tables, tables, or figures, all formatted in the body of the text, *in editable format*, and not copied as an image or PDF file. Non-editable figures must be submitted in JPEG or TIF format, with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi. They must be numbered sequentially and indicate the source of the information presented at the bottom. Statistical measures of variations, such as the mean standard deviation and standard error, must be identified at the end.

References

- References should correspond to up to 40% of the textual part of the article, prioritizing studies from the last 5 years;
- References, for the most part, will follow the norms proposed by the ICMJE, applying the Vancouver style with some adaptations: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform_requirements.html;
- References must be provided in superscript Arabic numerals (e.g., Potter²) and numbered consecutively, in the order in which they are cited;
- All references must be listed, at the end of the article, according to the corresponding numerical order;
- All citations of sources presented in the text must be listed under the references, including documents, treaties, reports, books, and book chapters;
- **All electronic references used must also inform the link or DOI and date of access in the list at the end;**
- Literal references, which deliver *ipsis litteris* reproductions of published text, must include the page number in the original from which the excerpt was taken in the list of references at the end;
- References cited only in tables or figure captions must comply with the established sequence;
- Articles with up to six authors must inform all their names in the references. When this number is exceeded, inform the first six authors followed by *et al*;
- Always look for the original reference meant to be highlighted and avoid second-order references, that is, when the quoted author is referring to another. If the *op.cit* is unavoidable, this must be made explicit in the text. For example: “Analyzing Potter’s work, Pessini³ describes...”;
- All references must be presented correctly and in full, as provided in the examples below. Book titles, location, and publishers should not be abbreviated;

- Articles with references built through formatting features of text editing programs, such as “Track changes,” “Footnotes,” and/or “Endnotes,” will not be accepted under any circumstances;
- Articles with references in alphabetical order will not be accepted;
- The veracity of the information contained in the list of references is the responsibility of the authors.

Examples of reference

Articles in scientific periodicals, journals, and books

» One or two authors, with or without electronic address

1. Oliveira F. Engenharia genética: o sétimo dia da criação. 6^a ed. São Paulo: Moderna; 2006.
2. Pessini L, Barchifontaine CP. Bioética na Ibero-América: história e perspectivas. São Paulo: Loyola; 2007.
3. Clotet J. Bioética: uma aproximação [Internet]. Porto Alegre: EdIPUCRS; 2003 [acesso 12 maio 2019]. Disponível: <https://doceru.com/doc/xv5n15>
4. Porto D, Garrafa V, Martins DZ, Swenderberger NB. Bioética, poderes e injustiças: 10 anos depois [Internet]. Brasília: CFM; 2012 [acesso 12 maio 2019]. Disponível: <https://portal.cfm.org.br/images/stories/biblioteca/bioeticaspoderesinjusticas.pdf>

Notes:

- When there are up to five authors, list all authors as shown, with or without electronic address;
- When a DOI is available, it should be prioritized.

» More than six authors

5. Segre M, Meira AR, Almeida M, Salaru NNR, Muñoz DR, Cohen C et al. Compêndio de medicina legal. São Paulo: Saraiva; 1987.
6. Lima MP, Rocha LF, Santos AB, Ferreira JN, Almeida PR, Costa RM, et al. Bioética e decisões no final da vida: uma análise interdisciplinar. Rev. bioét. (Impr.) [Internet]. 2023 [acesso 15 dez 2022]; 31(2): 123-30. DOI: 10.1590/1983-80422023212345

Notes:

- List the first six authors by their surname, then “et al.”;
- For direct citations, page numbers are required;

» No author (start with the title)

7. Farmacopeia brasileira [Internet]. Brasília: Anvisa; 2010 [acesso 21 maio 2019]. p. 546. Disponível: <https://www.gov.br/anvisa/pt-br/assuntos/farmacopeia/farmacopeia-brasileira>

» Book chapter

8. Parizi R. O conflito público-privado na assistência à saúde. In: Siqueira JE, Zoboli E, Sanches M, Pessini L, editores. Bioética clínica. Brasília: CFM; 2016. p. 21-35.
9. Pessini L. Distanásia: até quando investir sem agredir? In: Pessini L, Barchifontaine CP, organizadores. *Bioética clínica*. São Paulo: Loyola; 2000 [Internet]. [acesso 26 maio 2025]. Disponível: <https://www.exemplo.com/capitulo.pdf>

» More than one edition (omit if 1st edition)

10. França GV. Comentários ao código de ética médica. 7^a ed. Rio de Janeiro: Guanabara Koogan; 2019.

» Edited book (organized/coordinated)

11. Santos M, editor. Bioética e humanização em oncologia. Brasília: Elsevier; 2017.

» Book in a series/collection

12. Pessini L. Distanásia: até quando prologar a vida? São Paulo: Loyola; 2001. (Coleção Bioética em Perspectiva; 2)

Institutional author

13. Conselho Federal de Medicina. Código de ética médica: Resolução CFM nº 2.217/2018. Brasília: CFM; 2019. p. 80.
14. Brasil. Ministério da Saúde. Secretaria de Atenção à Saúde. Prevenção e tratamento dos agravos resultantes da violência sexual contra mulheres e adolescentes: norma técnica [Internet]. Brasília: Ministério da Saúde; 2005 [acesso 21 maio 2019]. p. 70. Disponível: https://bysms.saude.gov.br/bys/publicacoes/prevencao_agravo_violencia_sexual_mulheres_3ed.pdf

Minutes for conferences, congresses, and meetings

15. Souza RM, Oliveira LC, Garcia FP. Bioética e decisões no fim da vida: desafios para a prática médica. In: VI Encontro Luso-Brasileiro de Bioética do Conselho Federal de Medicina [Internet]. 2025 [acesso 26 maio 2024] [acesso 26 maio 2025]. Disponível: <https://portal.cfm.org.br/eventos/vi-encontro-luso-brasileiro-de-bioetica-do-cfm-iii-encontro-ibero-americano-de-bioetica-do-cfm-i-congresso-de-bioetica-medica/>
16. Silva JF, Pereira LM. Inteligência artificial e ética médica: desafios emergentes. In: Anais do 10º Congresso Brasileiro de Bioética; 2023 set 12-15; Brasília, Brasil [Internet]. Brasília: Conselho Federal de Medicina; 2023 [acesso 26 maio 2024]. Disponível: <https://www.exemplo.com/anais2023.pdf>

Articles published in newspapers and magazines

17. Poesia como tema e forma. O Povo (Fortaleza). 2014: 4
18. Lobel F, Barbon J. Sirenes em Brumadinho estão intactas, ao contrário de discurso inicial da Vale. Folha de S. Paulo [Internet]. 2019 [acesso 12 fev 2019]. Disponível: <https://www1.folha.uol.com.br/cotidiano/2019/02/sirenes-em-brumadinho-estao-intactas-ao-contrario-de-discurso-inicial-da-vale.shtml#:~:text=Ao%20menos%20duas%20sirenes%20que,porque%20foram%20destru%C3%ADdas%20pelos%20rejeitos>
19. Saúde: o Brasil na real. Isto é. Semana; 2018: 35.

Legal text, published legislation

20. Brasil. Presidência da República. Lei nº 8.974, de 5 de janeiro de 1995. Revogada pela Lei nº 11.105, de 2005 Regulamenta os incisos II e V do § 1º do art. 225 da Constituição Federal, estabelece normas para o uso das técnicas de engenharia genética e liberação no meio ambiente de organismos geneticamente modificados, autoriza o Poder Executivo a criar, no âmbito da Presidência da República, a Comissão Técnica Nacional de Biossegurança, e dá outras providências. Diário Oficial da União [Internet]. Brasília, nº 403, p. 337-9, 6 jan 1995 [acesso 26 maio 2024]. Disponível: https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/leis/l8974imprensa.htm

Monograph, dissertation or thesis

21. Burlá C. A aplicação das diretivas antecipadas de vontade na pessoa com demência [tese] [Internet]. Porto: Universidade do Porto; 2015 [acesso 29 maio 2019]. Disponível: <https://pesquisa.bvsalud.org/portal/resource/pt/biblio-876612>
22. D'Espindula TCAS. Privilégio terapêutico e os códigos de ética médica brasileiros: uma reflexão bioética [dissertação]. Curitiba: PUCPR; 2017. p. 209.

Webpages

» Webpage with author

23. Diniz D. Aborto e saúde pública no Brasil [Internet]. Brasília: Blog da Débora Diniz; 2020 [acesso 3 jun 2025]. Disponível: <https://deboradiniz.com/aborto-e-saude-publica-no-brasil>

» Webpage without author

24. Vacinação contra a covid-19: perguntas e respostas [Internet]. Brasília: Ministério da Saúde; 2021 [acesso 3 jun 2025]. Disponível: <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br/coronavirus/vacinacao/perguntas-e-respostas>

» Institutional webpage

25. Conselho Nacional de Saúde. Carta compromisso do Conselho Nacional de Saúde com a 17ª Conferência Nacional de Saúde [Internet]. Brasília: CNS; 2023 [acesso 3 jun 2025]. Disponível: <https://conselho.saude.gov.br/carta-compromisso-cns-17cns>

Other sources of information**» Podcasts**

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» Blog post

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» Institutional film

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» International feature film with director

29. Villeneuve D, diretor. Duna [Dune] [filme longa-metragem]. Produção canadense-estadunidense. Warner Bros Pictures; 2021. 155min, som, cor.

» Educational institutional video

30. Alimentação saudável na infância [filme vídeo]. Realização do Ministério da Saúde. Brasília: Ministério da Saúde; 2019. Digital. 25min, som, cor.

» Bible

31. Bíblia Sagrada. Versão de Maciel Araújo. São Paulo: Manole; 1995. Ruth 3:1-18.
32. Bíblia Sagrada. Vulgata. São Paulo: Paulinas; 1980. Deuteronômio 20:10-20.

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