

CALL FOR PAPERS

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It is with anticipation that the *International Journal of Indigenous Health* (IJIH) announces a specialized call for papers for Volume 22. This volume features a guest issue developed in partnership with the International Indigenous Organ Donation and Transplantation Consortium. The consortium is an international network of Indigenous and allied researchers, clinicians, health professionals, and Indigenous persons with lived experience of organ donation and transplantation (ODT). For over five years, the consortium has focused on improving healthcare journeys for Indigenous ODT patients and families and increasing awareness of ODT among Indigenous health leaders and communities. To date, limited research has explored Indigenous peoples' perspectives of ODT. This special issue aims to address this gap by providing a publication venue for Indigenous peoples and partners globally. The use of Indigenous languages are welcomed, as we ensure English translations will be provided to our readership for broader accessibility.

IJIH Mandate

Published bi-annually, the IJIH was established to advance knowledge and understanding to improve Indigenous health. The journal seeks to bring knowledge from diverse intellectual traditions together with a focus on culturally distinct Indigenous voices, methodologies and epistemology.

Submission Categories

Primary Research – journal article arising from university, community, or practice-based setting (**max 5000 words**).

Narrative and Indigenous Knowledge Submissions – drawn from Indigenous cultural values, beliefs, and/or traditional knowledge systems, including lived experience, that have application in healthcare contexts related to end-stage organ failure and ODT (**max 3500 words**).

Promising Practice – journal article on promising practices arising from community-based or health service delivery projects or programs (**max 3500 words**).

Secondary Research – thematic reviews or scoping reviews in journal article format that offer a novel perspective or address a gap in understanding (**max 3500 words**).

Submitting

Please submit by **16 January 2026** a short abstract (approximately two paragraphs) outlining your paper concept. Complete manuscripts that meet the [submission guidelines](#) and are ready for peer review are due by **31 March 2026**. Manuscripts will be subject to a preliminary review by the IJH and guest editorial team to assess overall strength, quality of research/intervention, the active involvement of Indigenous peoples, engagement of Indigenous ethics/protocols and relevance to the guest issue's ODT scope. All submissions must be made through [the IJH site](#).

Support

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