OVERVIEW OF PUBLICATION:

- The new magazine format of Med-Surg Nurse Life Magazine is published by AMSN six times a year.

- Med-Surg Nurse Life Magazine mails out to all Academy of Medical-Surgical Nursing members (13,000+) and others who subscribe. A digital version is also available.

- The magazine will offer: feature-style articles, lifestyle pieces, profiles on innovators and leaders, stories on nurses making a mark in the industry, and human interest stories that will inspire and motivate our med-surg nursing population.

- The magazine is NOT a clinical journal. For clinical research/manuscript submissions, refer to the journal publication Med-Surg Nursing, and its guidelines, at medsurgnursing.net.

QUERY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS & WRITER’S GUIDELINES

FIRST STEP: SEND A QUERY!

In order to be considered for contributing content to the magazine, please send a short query on your story idea. We do not accept full manuscripts for review. We will review your query and respond to you within two weeks of your query submission. If you have not written for us before, please be sure to attach at least two writing samples along with your query.

All queries should be sent to MSM@AMSN.ORG

As referenced in the 'overview' section of this document, Med-Surg Nurse Life Magazine is not a clinical digest/publication, but rather a lifestyle magazine with editorial, interviews, first-person stories, product reviews, events, fun snippets and lists, etc. for med-surg nurses to enjoy in their leisure time. Human interest stories, trends that make nurses lives easier, interviews/profiles on nurses making a difference, stories of inspiration, or articles on emerging leaders and innovators are part of the general theme of the publication.

Brevity is Key
Keep your pitch brief and to the point. You should be able to sum up the subject of your story idea in a paragraph or two. Your query email should not be longer than two paragraphs in total.

Turnaround Time
If your story idea is not yet a fit for the publication, we will let you know within two weeks of your query. If your query is accepted, an editor will reach out to you within two weeks to assign you an article, and will include the word count needed, the edition in which your story is slated for publication, content specifications, suggested sources, and more, as explained on following page.
Your Query Was Accepted - Now What?

An editor will reach out to you with the specifics on your particular assignment. However, these guidelines will help you know what to expect in the writing and submission process:

- Articles will be assigned from 600-1000 words.

- Pay ranges from $50-$450 per article, and is determined by word count. Payment is 30 days from publication of your article. Please submit an invoice and a 1099 form when you submit your article for approval.

- Med-Surg Nurse Life Magazine adheres to the Associated Press Stylebook as our guide for writing, grammar, style, and editing. If you are not familiar, visit here for more information: http://www.apstylebook.com

- You be allotted usually at least four weeks to complete your assignment. Extensions of deadlines are given in rare circumstances.

- Please be sure to spell-check your article before sending it to us.

- All articles must be written in the Microsoft Word software program.

- All articles should be submitted as an email attachment. (Not in body of email.)

- Be sure to attribute quotes of any sources you interview for your piece.

- It is not always necessary to send artwork or photos with the submitted article, but we do suggest a photo or artwork for us to consider.

- If you have been asked to send a photo(s), make sure to include names, titles, location, and explanation of photo for a caption.

- Please include your brief author "bio" information. This information consists of the name, title, location and pertinent background of the author. This should be no longer than three or four sentences.

SUBMITTING YOUR ARTICLE or QUERIES:
Send email to: MSM@AMSN.ORG

If you are submitting photos / graphics for an event or press release, or to accompany an assigned article:

- Photographs will only be accepted electronically as photo files attached to your email (do not send hard copies).

- All images should be high resolution (at least 300 dpi), in a .JPEG format.

- If artwork/photos are copyrighted, permission for use must be given to the magazine in writing.

Please make sure you have received permission from your source's health care institution / organization, if needed, for clearance to be quoted in your article.