

Health Research Reporting Guidelines

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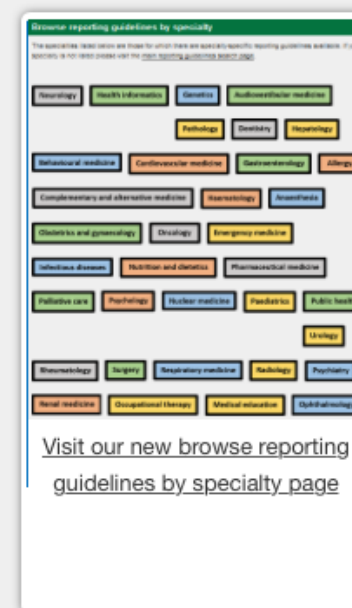


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| Case reports | CARE | Extensions | Other |
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