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Text shoud be divided into sections in the following order with each section beginning on a separate page

- **1. The title page**
- **2. Summary and Key words**
- **3. Summary and Key words in Czech (not necessary)**
- **4. Original text with Acknowledgements at the end**
- **5. References (***listed alphabetically, initials of the author(s) in capital letters, formated as below***)** with the address and contacts of the corresponding author at the and of the article
- **6. Tables and Graphs with legends**
- **7. Legends to figures**
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- In straight setting without tap stops, bullets, underscore, changes in the font size, format (centered, using tabs) and any graphic experiments, returns at the end of paragraphs only.
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The title page must contain

a) brief and informative title
b) authors' surname and initials of authors´names, the institutions linked to respective authors using superscript numbers
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d) sources supporting the work (grants, equipment, drugs).

Authorship

All designated authors should have contributed sufficiently

- to the work conception and data analysis and interpretation or
- to the revision of the article text or content and
- should approve the version of the manuscript to be published.

Conditions must all be met to approve the authorship.

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The second page of the manuscript includes summary of up to 150 words that specifies

- the **aim** of the study
- the **methods** used (selection of patients, experimental animal species, methods of analysis and follow-up)
- the main **results** including their statistic significance
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followed by 3–10 terms titled "Key words" hyphenated, summarizing the content of the study.

The key words should conform to the terms in Index Medicus.

3. Summary

(in Czech) and Key words (in Czech) is not necessary.

4. Text

This should be, not necessarily, divided into following sections:

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- Methods
- Results
- Discussion

In longer articles these sections, especially Results and Discussion should be divided using subtitles to make the content more transparent. Editorials, Review articles and Case reports etc. should be organized differently.

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Introduction

- Explains the intent of the work and introduces the subject
- Do not include results or conclusions

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- Describe the selection of followed or experimental subjects (patients, experimental animals including controls), methods and apparatus used (manufacturers´name and location in parentheses), examination procedures (readers should be able to reproduce them).
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- Do not use patients' names, initials or hospital numbers. In photographs the patient should not be recognizable unless patient(s) give(s) written informed consent for publication.

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- Readers using original data should be able to verify results from the description of statistical methods.
- Discuss pertinence of experimental objects, describe randomization, provide the number of surveys, number of excluded cases , treatment complications.
- Define statistical terms, abbreviations and especially symbols.

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- Present data in logical sequence in text, tables or figures.
- Do not repeat the information from tables and figures in the text, summarize only significant findings.

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- Emphasize the new and important perspectives and conclusions of the study.
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- Offer new hypotheses if competent but specify them as such.
- Possibly include recommendation for future research.

Aknowledgements
- Present at the end of the text.

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- Appear in alphabetical order according to the ČSN ISO 690, 010197.
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- ZEMAN, M. *První pomoc.* 2. vyd. Praha: Galén, 1998. 143 s. Edica Scripta, sv. IV. ISBN 80-85824-46-9.

For chapters in books
- LINEK, V. *Poruchy paměti*. In PREISS, V. aj. *Klinická neuropsychologie.* Praha: Grada Publishing, 1998, s. 96–115.

For journal articles
- PELIKÁNOVÁ, T. Současné trendy inzulinoterapie. *Vnitř Lék,* 2002, 48(6), s. 523–529.
- RAHMAN, SA., SETOYAMA, M., KAWAHIRA, M. et al. Erythema multiforme associated with superficial fungal disease. *Curie,* 1995, 55 (4), p. 249–251.

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- Explain abbreviations used in the tables.

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*Legends should be typed **on a separate page.***

- Describe and explain all symbols, arrows, numbers and letters used on the illustrations.
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Use only standard abbreviations. Do not use abbreviations in title and summary. The terms must be spelled out at the first mention (before use of abbreviation in the text).

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