**Title**

**Writing in medicine workshop: making every sentence count**

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**Background**

This is for doctors who write much more than just typed medical notes. They write letters, comments, media articles and research summaries. This publishable writing is word-limited, and benefits from being clear, interesting and—sometimes hardest of all—succinct.

**Aims**

Learn to convey more ideas in fewer words. Write a sentence that is reasonable, then edit it down to make it excellent. Redundant, flamboyant prose is fine for your personal diary but publishers want precision.

**Method**

This interactive workshop is pitched at those who can already write reasonably, but want to improve to the point of getting published—from a letter to the editor to a thesis.

We’ll first cover common examples of redundancy, over-complication, ambiguity, passive voice, poor punctuation and awkward phrasing. Justin is likely to unleash his inner grammar Nazi.

Then we’ll put you to work on improving various sentences via editing. Finally, you’ll be challenged to produce your own excellent sentence or two.

**Results**

Make the world a better place, one phrase at a time!

**Conclusion**

Justin’s workshops are fast-paced, fun and informative. Bring your laptop or pen, and get ready to hit the page running.