

## **Frequently Asked Questions: Wolters Kluwer Open Access**

### **What is open access?**

The free, immediate, online access, for any user, web-wide, to digital scientific and scholarly material, primarily research articles published in peer-reviewed journals.

### **What is the hybrid model?**

The hybrid model is when a journal has a combination of open access and subscription articles. Authors have a choice to pay a fee for the article to be immediately accessible online at the time of publication. The author retains copyright of the article. Open Access articles are subject to the same peer review process as any article within that journal.

### **What is the payment for?**

The payment of the article processing charge means that the article will be freely available online in perpetuity. The costs cover peer-review, copy-editing, and hosting of the article.

### **Do other charges still apply such as color and page charges?**

Yes, other charges will sometimes still apply for the publication of the article.

### **What article types may be made open access in journals in the hybrid model?**

At this time, only original research will be made open access under this option.

### **Why are the article processing charges different for different titles?**

The article processing charges vary for different titles for a variety of factors such as the size of the journal, volume of submissions, etc. You can find the [complete list of APC charges](#) on our website.


### **Is it possible to get a discount or a waiver on the article processing charge?**

No. If a discount or waiver is needed the article can go through the normal publication route and be published and accessible as other subscription content.

### **Are the peer review and production processes the same for open access articles?**

Yes, the peer review and production processes are the same for the open access articles in the hybrid model as they are for those articles published and accessible by subscription or pay per view.

### **How will I know if an article is open access?**

LWW articles that are open access have the  icon next to them.

### **When will an author be given a choice to publish a paper open access?**

Authors will have the option to publish their paper as open access after the article has been sent back for revisions, and acceptance.

### **Who can request an article to be open access?**

Only the author of the manuscript can request an article to be open access. Funders of the published work may request open access with express written permission from the author.

### **Should authors still sign the Copyright Transfer Agreement?**

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### **Can Open Access articles be posted to personal website or institutional repositories?**

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### **Will open access articles be deposited in PubMedCentral?**

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### **What is the difference between open access and NIH Public Access Policy or funders' public access policies?**

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#### **How do authors pay the article processing charge (APC)?**

Payment of the APC will be completed by visiting: <http://wolterskluwer.qconnect.com>. Upon entering the site for the first time, authors will be prompted to create a user id and password.

#### **Can institutions or other 3<sup>rd</sup> parties pay on an author's behalf?**

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#### **How does the journal ensure that the peer review process isn't biased?**

All articles undergo the journal's standard peer review process. Authors are given the option to make an article open access only after the article has been returned for revisions, or accepted.

#### **Will open access articles be indexed in the same manner as the non-open access articles in the journal?**

Yes. If an author chooses to publish their accepted article as open access, the article is still a part of the regular journal issue and will be included in the same abstracting and indexing services the journal is covered in regularly.

#### **What Wolters Kluwer journals are included in the hybrid model?**

Please continue to refer to your journal's instructions for authors for new updates or consult our [Wolters Kluwer Open Health website.](#)

#### **My article has already been published; can I make it open access?**

Authors who would like to make their previously published article open access should contact the journal editorial office.

#### **Are open access articles published ahead of print?**

Yes, open access articles can be published ahead of print.

#### **I have other questions, who can I speak with?**

For any questions, please contact your editorial office or Publisher.