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Dear 2018 *Research Forum* Presenter:

Reporters often attend scientific meetings, such as the ACEP *Research Forum*, to learn about new research findings. Presenters at these meetings sometimes raise questions about how much information to give reporters, wondering whether a published story about their research would jeopardize acceptance for publication by peer-reviewed journals.

Annals of Emergency Medicine does not consider it a “prior publication” for the key results to be published in lay or trade press (any non-peer-reviewed publication). The main points of your study usually have been summarized in the abstract, which will be published in the special supplement to the October 2018 issue of *Annals* anyway. However, you should not give a journalist your entire paper; nor should you allow a journalist to print entire tables or figures from your paper. The reporter will have the abstract and will probably interview you about what you consider most important. The information you give them should not extend in detail beyond the material in the abstract or your presentation; the more of your final study that is published elsewhere, the less of interest it is as an original presentation in any peer-reviewed journal.

I am pleased when emergency medicine research receives press coverage, and if any journalists want to talk to you, I hope you will help them in any way appropriate. If the media have already contacted you, please advise ACEP’s Public Relations Department so that they can track the progress of any potential articles. Laura Gore is ACEP’s Public Relations Director and can be reached at 800-320-0610, extension 3008, or by e-mail at lgore@acep.org.

I encourage you to submit your work to *Annals of Emergency Medicine* for consideration. Several members of the editorial board will be attending the *Research Forum*. We’re looking forward to meeting you personally and to seeing your presentation.

Sincerely,



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