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## **TIPS FOR THESIS WRITING AND PREPARING RESEARCH PAPERS**

### Initial parts of a manuscript

Choice of TITLE

Providing AUTHORSHIP credits

Selection of KEY WORDS

Structure of the ABSTRACT

### Main body of the report

Contents of INTRODUCTION

Describing the METHODS

Stating RESULTS

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Framing KEY MESSAGES

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Need of a BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Basic Methods of Medical Research, Fourth Edition  
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## **Contents of APPENDIX**

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