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Instructions for Authors

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The assigned length of your chapter and the deadline for your manuscript (first draft) are specified in the invitation letter that was sent to you via Editorial Manager (EM). Because we would like to maintain a reasonable length for the book, please adhere to the assigned page limit as closely as possible. Provide only the number of illustrations necessary to enhance your chapter (no more than 8 to 10 per chapter), and limit the number of references to 50.

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The AAOS Author Handbook, which was compiled by the Publications staff of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, can be downloaded from the EM home page. Please prepare and submit your manuscript and illustrations according to the guidelines in this handbook. I have summarized below some important points about your manuscript and related materials:

- Write according to the style required for OKU publications. Focus on concepts rather than individual authors.
- References should be an annotated reference list. The chapter should include an annotated reference list consisting of no more than 50 pertinent references. The references should be cited numerically in the text of your chapter, and the important recent references should be annotated (please refer to your invitation letter for specific years). The annotation for each reference in the annotated reference list should not exceed 40 words. Please refer to the Quick Reference Guide for Chapter Layout (on the Orthopaedic Knowledge Update Series EM home page) for an example of this reference style. Please ensure that the correct reference information is supplied.
- In the annotated reference list, please state the level of evidence of any study, if known, in the annotation for that reference.
• Each chapter should include two to three learning objectives or key study points—concepts that the reader should understand or ‘take away’ after reading the chapter.

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