

FAQs about OnlineFirst

SAGE OnlineFirst Fact Sheet for *Health Promotion Practice*

What is SAGE OnlineFirst?

SAGE OnlineFirst is a feature offered on the homepage of Health Promotion Practice (HPP) through SAGE's electronic journal platform, SAGE Journals Online. It allows final revision articles (completed articles in queue for assignment to an upcoming issue) to be hosted online prior to their inclusion in a final HPP print and online issue. This feature is commonly referred to as "publish ahead of print," "publish before print," "continuous publishing," and "P>P."

Benefits of OnlineFirst

SAGE OnlineFirst provides clear benefits to all researchers and users of HPP's online content. The feature allows subscribers and members the ability to access the very latest papers in the field. Authors also benefit from greatly reduced lead times between submission and publication of articles. Without OnlineFirst, an author's work would only appear online once a "finalized" HPP issue was sent to print. However, with OnlineFirst, HPP manuscripts can appear online while other articles are being completed for an upcoming issue. An author's research will therefore reach its audience more quickly, enabling an article to receive greater usage and exposure, including earlier citation opportunities by related work.

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