



## Unlock more at the Open Access Reference Site

Open access publishing helps others attain and expand upon all types of research, including clinical trials.



### What Is Open Access (OA) Publishing?

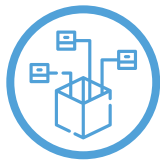
OA publishing is based on the principle that the published work is:



**Free**

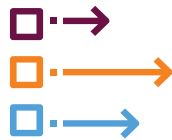


**Accessible**



**Reusable**

The *degree* of availability and reusability can differ between journals



Article processing charges (APC) are often required for authors to publish OA



#### Copyright

How a work can be reused; legal protections for the copyright holder to control reuse of the work



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### Journal Publishing Models

#### Traditional

Reader pays for article  
**AND**

Authors transfer copyright to journal

#### Hybrid

Reader pays for article, and authors transfer copyright to journal  
**OR**

Authors pay article processing charges (APC) for OA and retain copyright

#### Open Access

Authors pay APC  
**AND**

Authors retain copyright

### Open Access Publishing Options

#### Gold

- Article immediately and permanently freely available
- Reusable by others
- Located on journal website or self-archived
- Author fee applies

#### Green

- Article freely available after possible embargo (from 0-12 months)
- No reuse rights
- Self-archived on a public repository, such as PubMed Central, or the author's personal/institutional web page
- No author fee

#### Bronze

- Article freely available, but terms are not disclosed and could change
- No reuse rights
- Located on journal website
- Generally, authors cannot select this option